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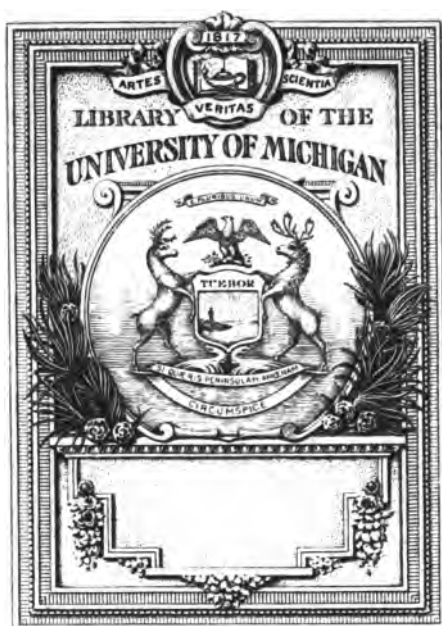
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PUBLIC LIBRARY
OF THE
CITY OF DETROIT.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY.

The first constitution of Michigan, adopted in 1835, provided that "As soon as the circumstances of the State will permit the Legislature shall provide for the establishment of libraries, one at least in each township, and the money which shall be paid by persons as an equivalent for exemption from military duty and the clear proceeds of all fines assessed in the several counties for any breach of the civil laws shall be applied to the support of such libraries."

The present constitution, adopted in 1850, re-enacted substantially the same provision. The Legislature of 1840 enacted that each and every school district should be entitled to its proportion of the clear proceeds of all fines collected within the several counties for any breach of the penal laws and for penalties, or upon any recognizances in criminal proceedings, which money, when received, should be applied to the purchasing of books for the district library and to no other purpose.

The act incorporating the Detroit Board of Education, passed in 1842, provided that the Board should establish a library, and authorized it to apply for and receive from the County Treasurer, or other officer, all the moneys appropriated for the primary schools and district library of said city and designate a place where the library should be kept, and also

authorized the Common Council to levy a tax for the support of the library.

Notwithstanding these provisions of the first constitution and early laws, a quarter of a century elapsed before the library contemplated therein actually existed.

It appears that the County Auditors construed the law to authorize them to appropriate to other purposes the moneys which the constitution and laws clearly intended to devote to the support of a library. It was not until 1859 that steps were taken to stop this perversion of the library funds. In that year the Board of Education put the matter into the hands of an energetic committee. Test cases were made up and taken to the Supreme Court. A report made to the Board of Education, January 10, 1861, by Edmund Hall and D. B. Duffield, sets forth the results.

The committee say: "Under the pressure of the growing necessities of the schools and the public last year a committee was appointed to make a thorough examination of the county finances as connected with the library fund. The investigations of that committee were conducted principally by its able chairman, H. E. Baker, Esq., the Inspector from the Sixth ward. Their report revealed the fact that between the first of July, 1854, and the first of January, 1859, moneys amounting to over \$15,000 appropriated by the constitution and laws to library purposes had accrued, but been diverted to other funds.

"Of this amount over \$12,000 consisted of fines collected in the Police Court. Out of these fines the salary of the Police Justice, the rent of the Police Court room, the fees of officers and other incidental expenses, amounting to a yearly aggregate of over \$2,000, had been paid.

"Beyond all these expenses there had accumulated during the first three years a large surplus.

"There had also been paid into the treasury of the county, up to the year 1859, as clear proceeds of forfeited bonds and recognizances, the further sum of over \$2,000.

" There had also been paid in various amounts from the Recorder's Court, the Circuit Court, Sheriff and sundry Justices of the Peace, making a total sum, as estimated by the committee, of \$6,491.84, which by any reasonable construction of the law belonged to the library fund, while under the construction adopted by the committee and by the counsel whom they consulted, the sum due to that fund exceeded \$15,000.

" Having ascertained the above facts the committee made application to the Treasurer and to the County Auditors for that portion of these moneys belonging to the city of Detroit, presuming that if the right to the larger sum was denied, a distribution on the basis of the smaller would be at once conceded. But the application was wholly unsuccessful as to the distribution of either sum.

" The County Auditors, however, while declining to grant any portion of the funds claimed, expressed their warm approval of the aims and objects to which the fund was devoted and their willingness to have the claim adjusted amicably according to the true interpretation of the law, and suggested the plan of taking a case to the Supreme Court, with the understanding that the rule of interpretation thus arrived at should be acquiesced in, and whatever moneys then appeared to belong to the Library Fund should be paid over by the county officers.

" The first committee having been discharged, the undersigned, associated with Hon. Samuel T. Douglass, then a member of the Board from the Sixth ward, were appointed a committee to take such further action as might be necessary to restore to the library fund the moneys of which it had been deprived.

" For this purpose your committee, at the May term of the Supreme Court, sued for a writ of mandamus to the Treasurer of Wayne county to enforce the payment by him of the sum of \$2,200 paid into the treasury as a part of the proceeds of three recognizances in criminal cases, viz.: Willard Daniels, J. J. Cicotte and Francis Riley.

"At the same time a similar proceeding was instituted by one of your committee in behalf of the town of Brownstown against the Police Justice of Detroit to compel the payment by him of a fine of \$100, collected of one Isaac Flowers.

"The cases were selected, not as embracing all, or nearly all, the moneys due to the Library Fund, but because they developed all the points of law and interpretation necessary to settle the entire subject in controversy."

Only one of these cases was decided, viz., the one against the County Treasurer.

The opinion in the case was handed down by Judge James V. Campbell. It may be summarized as follows:

A mandamus is applied for to compel the respondent (the County Treasurer) to pay over to the Board of Education their share of moneys in his hands received from fines and recognizances. The question submitted is whether the amounts paid in to him from those sources are liable to any deductions for expenses, either attending the collections of the particular sums paid in or embracing the general criminal expenses of the county.

Quoting article thirteen, section twelve, of the constitution, the court says: "So far as fines are concerned, this language is too plain to be open to construction. No deduction for expenses or otherwise can lawfully be made from such fines. The whole amount collected belongs to the library fund, and no portion can be applied elsewhere."

The other moneys appropriated for that purpose are so given, not by virtue of any constitutional provision, but under a statute.

Quoting all the legislation bearing upon the matter, the court says: "The moneys belonging to this fund must necessarily include all that has been legally paid into it, subject to such deductions after it has been paid in as the laws authorize or require.

"Without questioning the right of the Legislature to make such deductions as they deem expedient, except from fines,

it is very clear that until they see fit to make such deductions, inasmuch as no money can be drawn from the treasury without some legal authority, the fund must remain inviolate. No provision of law has yet been enacted allowing or requiring any money to be deducted from this fund. The criminal expenses are not a charge upon it. The clear proceeds, therefore, as the laws now stand, include all sums paid into the treasury from the source mentioned."

The report continues: "The immediate mandate of this decision is to grant a peremptory mandamus, compelling the County Treasurer to distribute among the towns and city, for library purposes, the sum mentioned in the petition, \$2,200, of which the city is entitled to about three-fifths, or \$1,320.

"The importance of the decision, however, consists in the rule it establishes as to the construction of the law. The rule applied to our criminal courts since 1854, will give to the library fund of the county not less than \$17,000, due up to the present time, of which amount about \$10,000 will belong to the city."

The committee proceed to add that as this matter is disposed of, and the law is imperative on the Board to establish a library, it becomes the duty of the Board to decide upon the plan, management and conservation of the same. They, therefore, submit and discuss the following among other considerations:

First—The library must be a public one.

Second—It must be free within proper safe-guards.

Third—It must be extensive.

Fourth—Its location must be central and its rooms spacious for convenient and systematic arrangement, exchange and circulation of books, as well as for reading room and offices

Fifth—It should be in active co-operation with the common schools.

Sixth—Its literature should be pure and its books carefully selected.

The committee closed with resolutions to carry these views

into effect and create a library committee, and to set apart a library room in the Capitol school building.

This was in January, 1861. Then came on the war, which absorbed the attention and resources of the people, so that the library matter rested in *statu quo*. It next appeared in a report made January, 1863, by the Library Committee, consisting of Edmund Hall, W. B. Smith and William Warner. They say that after the decision of the Supreme Court, above referred to, an arrangement was effected with the Board of County Auditors by which the arrearages due from the general fund of the county to the library fund up to the first of January, 1861, was adjusted at \$10,000.

"This amount, though less than the actual amount diverted from the library fund, was deemed, under all the circumstances, a fair and just settlement. In fixing upon this amount, it was determined by the Board of Auditors and assented to by the committee of the Board of Education, that payment should not be made or demanded until after the incoming of the tax of 1861. With the year 1861, however, came embarrassments, political and financial. The Board of Auditors, in accordance with their recognized obligations, reported the amount with their other estimates, and the whole went over unpaid into the year 1862. This year the Auditors again presented the items in the estimates, and recommended the Supervisors to provide for its payment in four instalments of \$2,500 each, to be raised and paid yearly, which arrangement the Supervisors adopted, and placed the first instalment on the roll for payment from the taxes of the present year. This fund is by law distributable in the same manner as the common school fund,—in proportion to the number of children between four and eighteen years in the various towns and city. By this decision, Detroit, containing not far from six-tenths of the children of the county, will receive, as her portion, near \$6,000 of the whole, or about \$1,500 each year during the four years.

"In addition to these resources, the entire proceeds of fines

and recognizances hereafter accruing, will be set apart to the library fund. The amount thus to be realized cannot be accurately estimated, but the dividend falling to the city from that source may be expected to range from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per year.

"The amount received for the year was \$601.98; for the year 1862, \$331.65. But for those years no returns were realized from the Police Court, where much the largest share of the criminal business of the county is transacted. Under the present worthy incumbent of that office, regular and accurate returns are made, and during the portion of the year already elapsed there has been paid into the county treasury from that court alone more than double the amount derived for the entire of either the two previous years.

"Under the rule of the Board, adopted in 1861, it was made the duty of your committee to invest the first moneys received in such elementary, practical and scientific works as might be needed in the High and Union schools. Under that resolution, your committee, in October of last year, 1861, expended \$56.40 in maps, charts and classical dictionaries, for the schools, needing the same. Subsequently, in December, a further investment of \$509.09 was made in elementary works, encyclopedias, etc., for the various schools, according to lists previously submitted to, and sanctioned, by the Board.

"These expenditures left a balance in the treasury, belonging to the fund, of \$36.49 at the commencement of the current year, 1862. The distribution of the present year, which has just been received by your committee, (\$331.65), makes the total amount now on hand for library purposes, \$368.14. Upon consultation with the principals of the High and Union schools, a list of desirable books has been prepared and is herewith submitted, with a recommendation for their purchase from moneys on hand.

"The schools of the Board are now measurably supplied with the text and reference books needed in connection with our routine of study. Full lists of books already purchased, and their present location, are herewith submitted.

"The Board has at length arrived at a point where it may commence the purchase of books for a general library and during the ensuiug year it will, without doubt, become the duty of the Library Committee to expend between two and three thousand dollars for that purpose."

They recommend that the library be consolidated and centered in one place, rather than divided up among the schools in different parts of the city; that it be located in the old Capitol building, that in the management of the library the interests of the public schools be kept in view, and, finally, that the library fund be religiously guarded and never, under any excuse, trenched upon or diverted.

1863.

The report for 1863 is signed by William P. Wells, Thomas H. Hartwell and R. W. King. It makes the following financial showing:

Jan. 1.	Balance on hand.....	\$ 368.14
March 9.	First instalment, county indebtedness.....	1,512.63
May 11.	County Treasurer, fines and penalties.....	1,674.66
	Total receipts for 1863.....	\$3,555.43
	Expenditures for 1863.....	323.63
	Balance on hand Jan., 1864.....	\$3,226.80

The founding of a free public library being thus assured, the committee discuss at some length the question of what its character and scope should be. They conclude that it must be according to the highest idea and best modes of such an institution; that it must be in the best sense a popular library; that it must cater to the general intellectual aims of the great mass of readers; as it grows in resources must furnish the means of study to scholars of every degree of intellectual attainment and every variety of literary purpose.

They agree that it shall be both a circulating and a refer-

ence library, and they map out a scheme of classification with reference to which the first purchases of books should be made. The committee suggest the consolidation of the libraries and property of the Young Men's Society, the Mechanics Society and the Old Fire Department and the founding thereby of an institution of great value and honor to the city, and express the hope that the day may not be far distant when the library may be provided with a building specially erected for the purpose.

1864.

The committee report for 1864 is signed by William P. Wells, Sidney D. Miller and Ervin Palmer. The financial statement is as follows :

Jan. 1.	Balance on hand.....	\$3,226.80
April 9.	County Treasurer, fines and penalties.....	4,210.28
	Total receipts.....	\$7,437.08
	Expended for books.....	\$5,921.61
	“ “ other purposes.....	468.41
		—————\$6,390.02
	Balance Jan. 1, 1865.....	\$1,047.06

The committee say that in April they requested Henry Chaney, Principal of the High School, to visit eastern cities as agent of the Board, to negotiate with dealers and to make purchases of books. Altogether upwards of 5,000 volumes were purchased. A catalogue of them was ordered prepared, a room in the Capitol building was set apart for the purpose, and steps were taken to open the library to the public.

1865.

The report of the Library Committee for 1865 is signed by Sidney D. Miller, R. W. King and Herman Kiefer. It furnishes the following financial showing :

Jan. 1.	Balance on hand.....	\$1,047.06
May 4.	County Treasurer, fines and penalties.....	2,997.86
	“ “ instalment on debt.....	1,563.50
	Total receipts.....	<u>\$5,608.42</u>
	Expended for books.....	\$3,556.02
	“ “ fitting up room.....	853.14
	“ “ other purposes.....	1,158.94
		<u>\$5,368.10</u>
	Balance Jan 1, 1866.....	\$ 240.32

The committee announce that the library was formally opened to the public on the 25th day of March, of this year, on which occasion addresses were delivered by C. I. Walker, President of the Board of Education, and William P. Wells, former Chairman of the Library Committee. A catalogue for temporary use was distributed on the 2d of May. The committee lament that in spite of all efforts to advertise the existence of a free public library so few people have used it. Only 475 persons have taken out books and the total circulation was 4,700 volumes. During the summer vacation Prof. Chaney again visited eastern cities and made purchases of books to the extent of 3,844 volumes, making the grand total in the library at the close of the year 8,864 volumes.

1866.

The committee report for this year is agreed by William D. Wilkins, George M. Rich and S. B. McCracken. It makes the following statistical showing :

Jan. 1.	Balance on hand.....	\$ 240.32
	Received from penal fines and arrears.....	5,314.59
	“ “ sales of catalogues	87.53
	Total receipts.....	<u>\$5,642.44</u>
	Expended for books	\$1,180.59
	“ “ Librarian's salary.....	620.00
	“ “ other purposes.....	417.22
		<u>\$2,217.81</u>
	Balance on hand.....	<u>\$3,424.63</u>

Number volumes on hand Jan. 1, 1866,.....	8,864
“ “ added by purchase.....	909
“ “ “ gift.....	1,186
Total number of volumes Jan. 1, 1867.....	10,959

In addition to the above number of bound volumes there are 150 pamphlets.

The number of readers was 1,184, and the circulation about 15,000, while about 3,000 volumes had been consulted in the building.

Complaint is made of lack of room, many volumes being stacked upon the floor.

Attention is called to the fact that the Germans constitute a large portion of the population, and the recommendation is made that an appropriation of \$500 be made for the purchase of books in the German language.

Of the large donation of 1,186 volumes, 1,081 were made by Henry Ledyard, almost altogether documents and official publications from the library of the late Gen. Lewis Cass.

1867.

The committee report is signed by D. O. Farrand, Ervin Palmer and A. Stuttee. It makes the following showing :

Jan. 1. Balance on hand.....	\$3,424.63
Received from court fines.....	2,163.20
“ “ school fund.....	250.00
“ “ library fines.....	126.91
“ “ sales of books.....	69.00
Total receipts.....	\$6,034.04
Expended for books.....	\$3,326.46
“ “ Librarian, etc.....	1,173.00
“ “ other purposes.....	579.64
	<u>\$5,094.10</u>
Balance on hand.....	\$ 930.94
Number of volumes Jan. 1.....	10,959
“ “ purchased.....	3,960
“ “ donated.....	101
Total number of volumes.....	15,020

The number of readers increased 536 and the circulation is put down to 30,000, though this seems to have been roughly estimated.

During this year another room capable of holding 3,000 volumes was fitted up, and yet 2,000 volumes were piled up on the floor. Many German books were added during this year.

1868.

This year's report is signed by Charles K. Backus, J. A. Brown and J. M. Welch. It shows \$2,615.16 received from fines and penalties and \$472 expended for books.

The number of volumes added was 669, of which 336 were purchased and 333 donated. The reason for practically suspending the purchase of books was lack of shelf room.

The committee report that they have participated in a series of consultations among prominent citizens and the officers of various societies which have had in view the consolidation of a number of the leading literary and charitable institutions of the city and the founding by this means of an institute with a rich endowment and of great magnitude. No result was reached, but they had hope through this means to provide suitable accommodations for the library, and yet keep it free to all and under public control.

During the year the suit between the county of Wayne and the city of Detroit, involving the right of the library to its share of the fines collected at the Central Police Station Court of Detroit was carried through the Wayne Circuit and State Supreme Courts and resulted in a judgment for the county. This secured the library over \$10,000 as its proportion of the fines to be paid over at the next approaching spring payment.

During the year the library was placed on the list of institutions to which, under acts of Congress, public documents and Smithsonian publications are sent.

1869.

Charles K. Backus, James A. Brown and Sidney D. Miller signed the report for this year. The amount received from fines and penalties was \$12,962.72, which included the sum collected as fines in the Central Police Station Court, which the city had refused to pay over and which was collected by suit in the courts. The cost of this litigation to the library fund was \$1,150. The number of volumes added to the library this year was 1,780 by purchase and 217 by gift.

The whole number of volumes at the end of the year in the library is put down at 17,856; estimated circulation, 40,000; number of names on the library register, 3,326, of which 808 were added during the year.

The committee say that the library is still piled up in two distinct and unsuitable rooms, with such manifest lack of adequate facilities for its proper use that there is serious danger that the legal question may be raised whether the Board is maintaining a library within the meaning of the law, and they say that the question of providing a suitable library building will soon become a pressing one.

1870.

Charles K. Backus, D. O. Farrand and J. W. Bartlett sign the report for this year.

The amount received this year from fines and penalties was \$12,220.29, and the amount expended for books \$1,601.81, and the balance on hand at the end of the year \$18,299.88. The number of volumes in the library is put down at 18,717, and the number of registered card holders at 4,018, of whom 692 were added during the year.

In this year the library rented from the Board of Education, for \$500 per annum, the entire first floor of the new addition built on the north end of the old Capitol building. This was fitted up at the expense of the library fund. But

the committee say that this room is only a temporary expediency, and they recommended that steps be taken to secure from the Common Council the Old City Hall for a library building.

1871.

This year's report was signed by Charles K. Backus, W. D. Wilkins and William Y. Rumney.

It shows that the amount received from fines and penalties was \$5,839.71. The chief expenditures were \$2,368.78 for books, \$1,200 for fitting up a room, \$780 for furniture, \$2,557 for salaries of Librarian and assistant, \$3,250 to the Board of Education for back rent of rooms in Capitol building.

The number of volumes reported at the close of the year was 21,161.

On the 20th day of March, in this year, the library was opened in its new quarters on the first floor of the rear extension of the Old Capitol, having been closed for removal from the 17th of the previous December. Prof. Henry Chaney was relieved from his duties as Principal of the High School and was made Librarian.

The library was kept open daily, except Sundays and holidays, from 9 A. M. to 8 P. M.

Several periodicals having been donated by the publishers, a reading room was opened in the library.

During the year the committee carried out the recommendation of their predecessors and obtained by unanimous vote of the Common Council a lease for fifty years at a nominal rental of the old City Hall, on the condition that it be refitted within eighteen months, or rebuilt, for a library building.

The committee were agreed that it would be cheaper to rebuild than to attempt to remodel the old building, and, therefore, afterward secured from the Common Council an extension of time for carrying into effect the provisions of the lease.

1872.

William Jennison, R. W. King and William Y. Rumney signed this year's report.

The amount received from fines and penalties was \$7,039.20 and for interest on daily balances, which here first appears, \$62.47. The expenditure for books was only \$706. The total number of volumes reported at the closing of the year was 22,115; estimated number of volumes borrowed, 98,000; number of names of borrowers added to the register, 1,202.

In this year popular sentiment in favor of clearing the site of the old City Hall led the Common Council to propose an exchange of that site for the triangular piece of ground fronting on Gratiot street, called Centre Park. This was accepted, and the Common Council, by resolution, vacated the ground as a park, and by subsequent resolution executed a lease on the 19th of August, 1872, to the Board of Education for fifty years, in exchange for a release of all rights in the old City Hall lease.

Possession of the premises was immediately taken, and the committee now decided to secure plans for a library building and to open subscription books for the construction of said building. The feeling in the board at that time was that public spirited citizens would come forward and subscribe the necessary sum and thus leave the public fund to be devoted entirely to the maintenance of the library.

The committee visited Cincinnati and consulted with Wm. F. Poole, Librarian of the Public Library of that city. They inspected the building then in process of erection there, and got Mr. Poole's views with reference to the best plan and arrangement of a public library building. While they make no specific recommendations, they do urge that in making provisions for a building, care be taken to build upon a sufficiently broad basis for the growth and demands of the future.

1873.

The report of the Library Committee for 1873 is signed by William Jennison, William D. Wilkins and William Y. Rumney.

It shows the amount received from fines and penalties \$10,151.23, and from interest on deposits, \$832.07. The amount expended for books was \$756.34.

The number of volumes in the library at the end of the year was 22,879. The library was open 308 days, and the estimated circulation was 115,000 volumes. The number of borrowers registered during the year was 1,456.

Some doubt having arisen as to the power of the Common Council to lease Centre Park for the use of a library building, a bill in chancery was filed by Alida Riggs to enjoin the Board of Education from taking possession of said premises. The Supreme Court, in April, 1873, unanimously confirmed the action of the Council.

In December, 1872, and February, 1873, a portion of the committee visited the principal libraries of the country preparatory to the adoption of plans for the proposed building to be erected on Centre Park. On the 24th day of February, 1873, they made a full report of their observations and recommendations.

It was becoming evident that a sufficient amount could not be raised by private subscription for the construction of said building and the committee so reported to the Board.

Thereupon application was made to the Legislature, and an act was passed March 27, 1873, providing for the raising of the sum of \$150,000 for the construction of a suitable library building and for its fixtures.

The Board of Estimates, at its ensuing April meeting, was asked to levy the sum of \$125,000, to be raised in three annual instalments for this purpose, but refused to do so, on economical grounds.

The adoption of definite plans was, therefore, delayed.

1874.

The report for this year is signed by J. W. Romeyn, J. W. McGrath and J. J. Martin.

In the spring of this year the Board of Estimates granted the appropriation asked for of \$125,000 for, a library building to be erected on Centre Park, and the committee advertised, offering premiums for plans for such a building, to be submitted by architects.

On August 24th the plans of Brush & Smith were adopted by the Board, though not recommended by the majority of the committee.

These architects were employed to prepare the detailed drawings and specifications and the matter was put into the hands of a special Library Building Committee of five members, the regular Library Committee declining to assume responsibility in connection with plans they did not cordially approve. No work was done on the building this year.

The amount received from fines and penalties was \$5,508.98, and there was expended for books \$1,286.07.

The number of volumes belonging to the library at the end of the year was 24,176, and the number of new borrowers was 1,140.

The circulation of books was estimated at 145,000, and the number consulted in the library at 10,000.

1875.

The Library Committee for 1875 consisted of J. W. Romeyn, J. W. Strong, W. D. Wilkins, J. W. Liggett and W. M. Lillibridge.

This committee resumed charge of the new library building, the corner stone of which was laid with public ceremonies May 29, 1875. The walls were erected and the building enclosed in that year, under the superintendence of J. B. Cousins.

The receipts in 1875 from fines and penalties were \$6,434, and the expenditures for books, \$1,302.62. The number of volumes at the end of the year was 24,903. The circulation was put down at 148,000. The number of new borrowers registered was 1,067.

The committee say they have endeavored, so far as the limited accommodations would permit, to popularize the library and to recommend its use to the public, and, therefore, they have thought it necessary to purchase a certain quantity of the abundant ephemeral literature which is demanded by the public.

But they do not feel inclined to go far in this direction.

1876.

The report of this year bears the names of John T. Liggett, H. F. Lyster, Joseph Nicholson, D. J. Workum and J. J. Martin.

Work on the new building were continued throughout the year under the supervision of George Morhous, and it was practically completed.

The receipts from fines and penalties were \$8,815. The expenditure for books was \$6,346.09. The balance on hand in the Library Fund proper was \$26,429.28.

The whole number of volumes at the close of the year was 33,604, and their estimated value was \$50,000.

1877.

Robert E. Roberts, Henry F. Lyster, C. A. Kent, W. N. Ladue and A. Borrowman constituted the committee. They report the formal opening of the new building on the 22d of January, 1877, on which occasion Alexander Lewis Mayor of the city, presided, assisted by Freeman Norvell and George

W. Balch, President and late President of the Board of Education, by whom addresses were made.

Addresses were also made by John T. Liggett, Chairman of the Library Committee, and by C. I. Walker, J. W. Romeyn, William P. Wells, Levi Bishop, D. B. Duffield and Sylvester Larned, former members of the Library Committee and Board of Education, "who by their efforts had contributed to the grand result, the construction of a magnificent fire-proof building, with a capacity for 200,000 volumes and then containing upwards of 30,000 volumes, and without the imposition or entailment of any burden on the taxpayers for the purchase of books or the maintenance of a library which was and would ever be absolutely free to readers."

It was estimated that the library room was visited during the evening by 5,000 ladies and gentlemen.

In his remarks Mr. Romeyn said: "The library is created and supported by fines and proceeds of recognizances from those who violate the law, and from the application of the penalties the ignorant are to be instructed and the unlearned taught. There seems to be much of the eternal fitness of things in the laws which make these provisions."

The library room is designed to have four galleries, making five tiers of alcoves for books, each gallery to contain twenty alcoves. But one gallery has been constructed which, with those on the main floor, gives twenty-seven alcoves at present, in which there are 4,400 lineal feet of cases, and desks for large books, atlases, bound volumes of newspapers and periodicals, etc., and one glass case for rare books, while there are at present thousands of volumes for which there is no shelf-room and which are constantly being added to by purchase, necessitating the construction of an additional gallery as soon as practicable, and which, it is expected, will be in place during the present winter, adding 3,000 lineal feet of shelving, making in all 7,400 lineal feet.

The following is a statement of the money received and dis-

bured on account of the Public Library from its commencement to December 31, 1877 :

RECEIPTS.

From County Treasurer, fines and penalties.....	\$101,120.18
“ Library fines and sales of catalogues.....	3,521.43
“ sales of books.....	76.65
“ sale of fencing, shelving, etc.....	193.66
“ interest on Library Fund.....	5,002.94
“ City Treasurer for library building.....	121,696.34
“ interest on library building fund.....	2,192.47
“ insurance premium returned.....	50.00
Total	<u>\$233,853.67</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Books.....	\$ 38,117.93
Binding and repair.....	3,071.05
Librarian and assistants.....	28,292.86
Rent.....	6,250.00
Insurance.....	2,522.52
Legal expenses.....	2,148.50
Furniture, fuel, lights, janitor service, printing catalogue, freight and miscellaneous.....	<u>13,216.11</u>
Paid on account of library.....	\$ 93,618.97
Library building.....	<u>123,201.09</u>
Total disbursements.....	<u>\$216,820.06</u>
Balance on hand.....	17,033.61

In 1877 a classified catalogue was prepared and 2,500 copies were printed.

The library staff at this time consisted of Prof. Henry Chaney, Librarian ; Miss Ada D. Pattison, Miss Ida Norton, Mrs. Sarah E. Doll, Miss M. E. Ladue and Miss L. Teichner, assistants.

1878.

The Library Committee this year consisted of Robert E. Roberts, Alfred Chesebrough, C. A. Kent, J. S. Schmittdiel and A. Borrowman.

They report that during the summer an additional gallery was put into the building at a cost of \$4,826. The additions to the library were only 1,382 volumes, on account of lack of shelf room.

The receipts from fines and penalties were \$6,129.20, and the expenditures for books and binding, \$2,611.26.

The library was open 307 days, and the circulation was estimated to average 600 daily; the greatest number drawn in one day was 1,344, and the least 396.

The register of borrowers, which was stolen in this year, contained about 12,000 names.

On the 12th day of April, 1878, Prof. Henry Chaney, who had been in charge of the library as Librarian and Superintendent from its inception, and who had purchased most of the books, was succeeded by Rev. Manasseh Hickey.

The committee in their report call attention to the fact that the building as constructed does not provide the public with a reading room and scientific and historical museums, originally contemplated.

The entire front portion of the building as planned was omitted for lack of means with which to build it.

The committee express the hope that the estimated cost, \$55,000, may be put into the tax levy and raised in instalments and that these much desired adjuncts to the library may be thus secured.

1879.

The committee of this year remained the same as the preceding, except that the name of R. DoRan appears in place of that of A. Borrowman. The amount received this year from fines and penalties was \$2,908.72. The committee call attention to the fact that the only revenue provided for the establishment and maintenance of the library is the constitutional endowment of means derived from fines and penalties collected in

the criminal courts, which is, at least, precarious and entirely inadequate for the purpose.

They suggest that the fund thus derived should be appropriated exclusively to the purchase of books, and the maintenance of the library provided for in the general city tax levy. The receipts from the constitutional source this year amounted to less than half the cost of maintenance alone, saying nothing of the purchase of books.

It thus appeared evident that some step must be taken at once to provide additional revenue.

The committee also call attention to the failure of the Library Fund to receive all that properly belongs to it, through the negligence of public officers charged with the collection of forfeited bail bonds.

1880.

This year's report is signed by Alfred Chesebrough, J. D. Sutton, William A. Owen, T. F. Kerr and O. L. Kinney.

In April, 1880, Mr. Hickey, as Librarian and Superintendent, was succeeded by Henry Gillman. On the 15th of July the library was closed to enable the Librarian and his assistants to classify and rearrange the books on the shelves. It was not opened again until November 1st. The library was reported to be in bad condition from lack of proper system in its arrangement and conduct and proper care of the books.

The committee again call attention to the necessity for increased and certain income, and recommend that the Legislature be asked to require the Common Council to incorporate in the annual tax budget a library fund of one-fifth of a mill on each hundred dollars of the assessed valuation.

The amount realized from fines and penalties this year was \$3,405.13, while the expenses of the library were \$7,392.75.

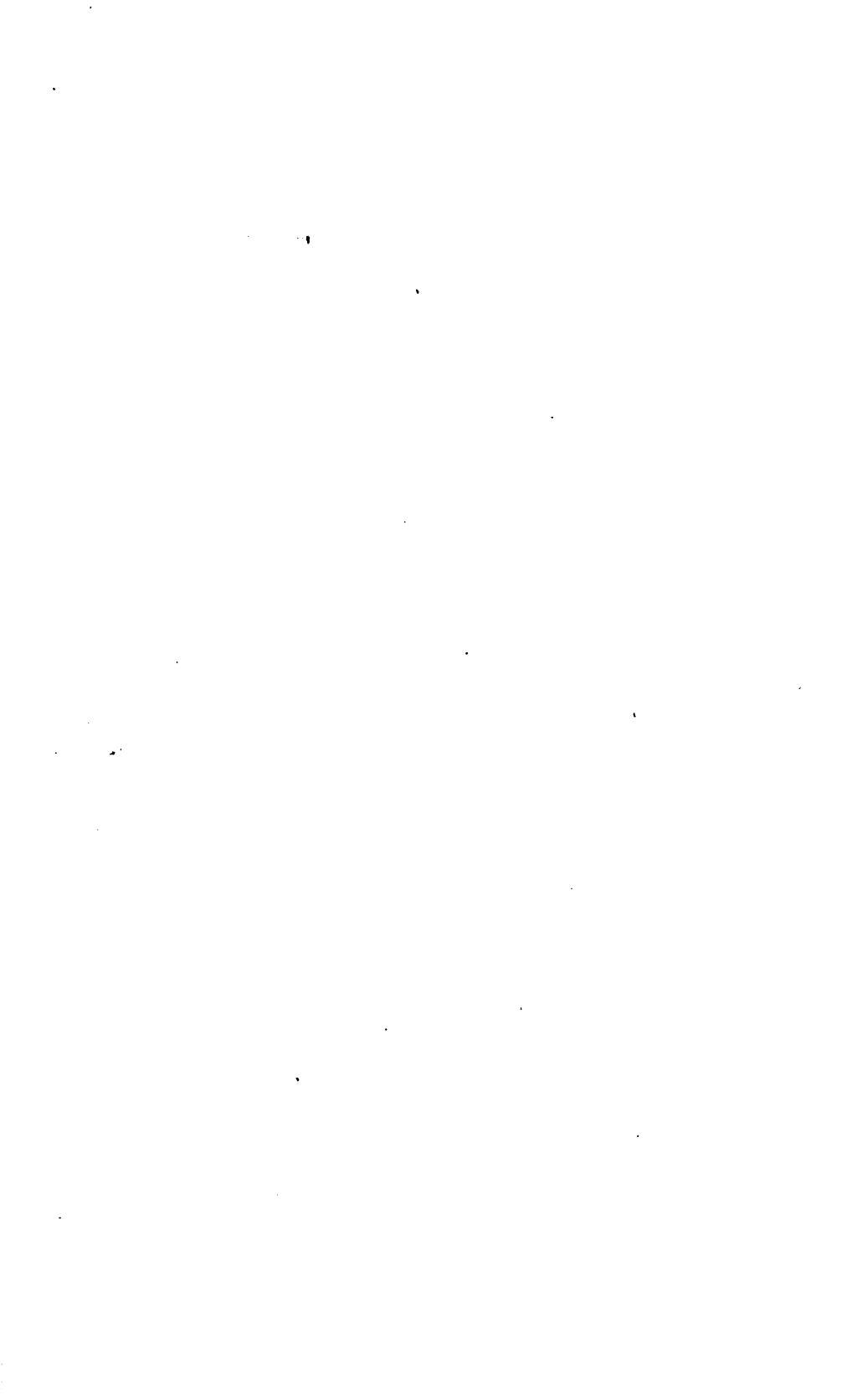
The number of volumes reported in the library at the end of the year was 40,496, the circulation, 113,585. The num-

ber of new readers registered was 1,452. A new set of rules was adopted and the delivery of books to applicants was sought thereby to be facilitated.

1880.

At the close of 1880 the Board of Education took action under a law passed some years previously, and transferred the exclusive custody and control of the library to a Board of Commissioners of seven members, of which the President of the Board of Education is one *ex officio*, the other six to be elected, one annually, (after the first Board), for the term of six years. The first Board of Commissioners was made up of Alexander Lewis, Herman Kiefer, William D. Wilkins, Alfred Chesebrough, George V. N. Lothrop and James V. Campbell, whose terms of office were to expire in the order named, and Michael Firnane, President of the Board of Education, *ex officio*.

To place the management of the library entirely outside of political considerations the elected membership of the Board was made up of three Democrats and three Republicans. Early in January, 1881, the library was transferred to the above mentioned Commission.



FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Commissioners

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

CITY OF DETROIT,

FOR THE YEAR 1881.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF DETROIT.

<i>Members.</i>	<i>Address.</i>	<i>Term Expires.</i>
ALEXANDER LEWIS.....	46 Woodbridge St., West.....	Jan. 1, 1882.
HERMAN KIEFER.....	52 Gratiot Avenue.....	" 1883.
WM. D. WILKINS.....	Jefferson Avenue.....	" 1884.
ALFRED CHESEBROUGH.....	Foot of Second Street.....	" 1885.
GEO. V. N. LOTHROP.....	17 McMillan Building.....	" 1886.
JAMES V. CAMPBELL.....	20 Bank Chambers.....	" 1887.
MICHAEL FIRNANE*.....	<i>Ex officio.</i>	
GEORGE R. ANGELL.....	<i>Ex officio.</i>	

OFFICERS OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION 1881.

JAMES V. CAMPBELL.....	<i>President.</i>
ALFRED CHESEBROUGH.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
ALBERT IVES, <i>ex officio</i>	<i>Treasurer.</i>

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ALEXANDER LEWIS.	HERMAN KIEFER.
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COMMITTEE ON PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

JAMES V. CAMPBELL.	W. D. WILKINS.
AND THE LIBRARIAN.	

LIBRARIAN,....	HENRY GILLMAN.
ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.....	LUCIAN B. GILMORE.

* President of the Board of Education until July 1, 1881.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Board of Education :

GENTLEMEN—The Library Commission in summing up the experience of their first year of service are able to bear witness to a good share of prosperity and a fair promise of the future growth of the library in size and usefulness.

At the time of their appointment it was evident that without some further means than were then likely to be secured by existing methods of supply, the library would before long become helpless. The receipts from fines and penalties under the criminal laws of the State had fallen off to an alarming extent. It was difficult to know why this was so, and our experience has not yet done much to enlighten us. We cannot flatter ourselves that crime has so far diminished as to show in our large population of to-day a less amount of violations of law than when the city had less than half the same number of people. Nevertheless, the facts as shown by the report of the Library Committee last year, indicated beyond doubt a very remarkable diminution.

Immediately on the action of the Board of Education turning over the control of the library to the Commission, it was organized by the designation of James V. Campbell as President and Alfred Chesebrough as Secretary, and by the appointment of such committees as appeared desirable. Upon examination it was found that the immediate management by the existing Librarian and assistants was well conducted, and that it would need no changes beyond what might become desirable in enlarging and improving the library facilities. The system was very good and very well administered under the regulations matured by the former committees.

The first step necessary was a consideration of our financial condition. In this we were greatly aided by our esteemed and lamented colleague, the late Michael Firnane, President of the Board of Education and Prosecuting Attorney for Wayne county, to whose diligence and assiduity we owe the procurement of more careful collections and security of the criminal court funds. It is no more than due to his memory to say that we found him in all respects a pleasant, diligent and valuable associate, who was useful in many ways in getting affairs into successful operation.

Having discovered that an increase of means was absolutely necessary, and that we could probably meet all our necessities by a much smaller tax than is generally laid for library purposes under the ordinary state systems, the aid of legislation was sought, and the Legislature, in addition to some formal amendments rendered necessary to harmonize the school and library systems, made provision for an annual tax of one-fifth of a mill on one hundred dollars assessed valuation of property in the city. This amount, with the fines and penalties receivable under existing laws, will, it is believed, enable the Commission, with economy, to provide for needful additions and improvements to the building and furniture, as well as enlarge the contents of the library.

As soon as our means would warrant we made and continue making additions to bring the library into a respectable position in regard to current literature, as well as to fill up deficiencies already existing, which there were no funds to supply before. In making these additions we have found it desirable to be very sparing in the purchase of merely ornamental works, and to confine our purchase of such books to those which have a permanent value as illustrating such phases and forms of art as would be useful and instructive hereafter. We have also thought it incumbent on us to pay particular attention to the importance of the library for purposes of circulation, and to supply as far as possible the demand for wholesome as well as entertaining reading to those desiring

to draw books for home-reading, who must generally constitute a very large proportion of the beneficiaries of the library. We have, in cases when the demand required the duplication of copies for circulation, endeavored to secure for that purpose cheaper copies than those meant to be preserved permanently on the shelves, and in this way have been able to save some expense.

We also found the poverty of the fund had prevented the procurement of any considerable number of current periodicals for the reading room. We have established a periodical reading room on the main floor, by setting apart such space as we could spare on the west side, and procuring the leading periodicals of this and other countries, with suitable tables, well lighted and convenient for reference. The result has been satisfactory, and this department has already been very largely resorted to, and proved itself very useful. It will be improved from time to time in such ways as experience may indicate as desirable.

In accordance with the views of the old committee we have made provision for a Chief Assistant Librarian, to relieve the Librarian of a large share of his more mechanical duties, and to assist in other ways, so as to give the Librarian an opportunity to devote himself more fully to the special duties of his office. The work had become very onerous, and much of his time had been used up in services which could quite as well have been performed by some one else, at the sacrifice of matters which it was very essential to have looked after. It was also deemed desirable to have a competent person to take charge of such affairs as should require attention during any necessary absence of the Librarian in the service of the Commission or otherwise. Mr. L. B. Gilmore was selected for this post, from his considerable knowledge of books as well as his business experience, and has approved himself to the Commission.

We have been very anxious to perfect a complete catalogue of the contents of the library, and it is in as good a state of

forwardness as we could expect. We have made temporary lists of the books and other acquisitions recently made, but until a catalogue is completed we shall find more or less difficulty in purchasing books which ought to be on our shelves, but which cannot be profitably duplicated.

We shall also be compelled from straightened room to push on towards completion the arrangements for shelving. The necessity of having the contents of the library classified so as to allow new additions to be placed in the classes to which they belong, without continually altering their position, would make this completion desirable under any circumstances. But the pressure is increasing for having it done as soon as it conveniently may be, and it will be proceeded with as soon as it can be done without interfering with other interests. The building is deficient in room for business purposes, and for the reception and preservation of such articles as cannot be safely placed on the ordinary shelves. We have had our attention specially called to the lack of space for collections of manuscripts and other objects of research, and we have had reason to believe that valuable historical and art treasures are likely to be placed in our custody whenever the facilities exist for their safe keeping and security from loss or destruction.

All of these are matters which cannot be dealt with hastily, but which must nevertheless be kept in view. There is a large amount of very valuable historical material awaiting a safe refuge, which will add greatly to the value and reputation of the library if it can be secured, as it probably can be in due time. There is also reason to expect in due time the collection of historical and other portraits and works of art, which cannot be made out of our funds, but which will be extremely desirable and appropriate acquisitions, whenever we can make room for them. Every day is rendering the preservation of such matters more precarious in private hands, and the feeling is growing in favor of having a public and permanent refuge for them.

We append such pecuniary and other statistics as seem desirable to give a full account of the condition of the library. We may also add that the Librarian and his assistants have been very faithful and efficient, and that their services have been secured on very economical terms.

JAMES V. CAMPBELL,
President Library Commission.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary of the Library Commission has the honor to present the following tables, from the time of its transfer from the Board of Education, to January 1, 1882, being a period of about eleven months, viz :

RECEIPTS OF LIBRARY COMMISSION 1881.

Received from Treasurer of Board of Education, being balance to credit Library Fund, February 23.....	\$3,190.17
Received from County Treasurer for City's proportion of fines and penalties in criminal courts, to June 2, for 1880 and '81.....	6,370.36
Received from City Treasurer, Library tax '81,	15,170.24
Received from City Treasurer on account of Library Building Fund, 1876, and prior.....	24.94
Received from book fines and sales catalogues,	552.50
Received from A Ives, Treasurer, interest on balances.....	194.96
	\$25,503.17

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$2,756.84
Periodicals and Newspapers.....	159.55
Binding and repairing books.....	453.70
Printing.....	71.00
Postage and Postal Cards.....	65.00
Gas bills.....	345.20
Water tax.....	12.50
Fuel bills.....	583.78
Furniture for reading department.....	132.90
Pay roll Librarian and Assistants.....	4,514.88
Repairs.....	140.82
Insurance.....	182.50
Sundries — supplies, stationery, advertising, labor, freight. etc.....	183.31
	9,601.58
Balance on hand January 1, 1882.....	\$12,901.51

A. CHESEBROUGH, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The following is a summary of the report of Henry Gillman, Librarian :

Number of Volumes in Library, December 31, 1880.....	40,496
Added by purchase in 1881.....	1,749
Added by gift, exclusive of pamphlets.....	294
	42,539
Number of books lost in 1881.....	36
Number of volumes worn out.....	90
	126
Whole number of volumes, December 31, 1881.....	42,413

The Library has been open for the issuing and consulting of books three hundred and three days during the year.

The number of books issued for home use from the Library on cards, by actual count, was 116,932.

The greatest number of books drawn in any one day was (on Saturday February 26) 940; and the least number was (on Thursday August 4) 205; the number consulted in the Library during the year, including those read in the serial reading department, being 15,274. This latter department was not opened to the public in that portion of the Library devoted to the purpose till the latter part of August; nor had all our periodicals reached us till even later.

The number of patrons on the register is 12,757. Of these 1,358 were added during the past year.

The number of cards lost during the year was 882.

A book binder was employed at the Library repairing books fifty three and one-half days. The following is a statement of the binding and repairing done within the Library and at the bindery :

Number of volumes repaired at the Library.....	3,981
Number of volumes re-sewed at the bindery.....	9
Number of volumes re-bound.....	308
Number of volumes in paper bound.....	319

During the last two years there has been a falling off in the circulation of books. A consultation of the statistics given in the reports of other libraries reveals a similar decrease in the circulation of nearly every library in the United States during the past two or three years.

<i>Classification.</i>	<i>Vols. issued.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>
1. Arts and Sciences.....	4,518	3.9
2. History, Biography and Travel.....	10,726	9.2
3. Fiction.....	73,712	63.0
4. Juvenile Literature.....	13,395	11.4
5. Poetry and Drama.....	2,174	1.9
6. Theology, Philosophy and Sociology.....	2,985	2.5
7. Philology and Miscellaneous.....	3,497	3.0
8. German and French.....	5,925	5.1
Totals.....	116,933	100.0

From the imperfect manner in which the statistics of the Library were formerly kept, we are unfortunately unable to give any very accurate comparisons in many directions which would be exceedingly interesting.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Commissioners

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

CITY OF DETROIT,

FOR THE YEAR 1882.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF DETROIT.

<i>Members.</i>	<i>Address.</i>	<i>Term Expires.</i>
*WM. D. WILKINS.....		
LEVI L. BARBOUR.....	15 Bank Block.....	" 1884.
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HERMAN KIEFER.....	52 Gratiot Avenue.....	" 1889.
CARLOS E. WARNER	<i>Ex officio.</i>	

OFFICERS OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION 1882.

JAMES V. CAMPBELL.....	<i>President.</i>
ALFRED CHESEBROUGH.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
ALBERT IVES, <i>ex officio</i>	<i>Treasurer.</i>

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ALEXANDER LEWIS.	HERMAN KIEFER.
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COMMITTEE ON PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

JAMES V. CAMPBELL.	LEVI L. BARBOUR.
AND THE LIBRARIAN.	

LIBRARIAN,....	HENRY GILLMAN.
ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.....	LUCIAN B. GILMORE.

* Deceased March, 1882, and Levi L. Barbour appointed to fill vacancy.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Board of Education :

GENTLEMEN—The Library Commission has little to report in regard to its methods of proceeding beyond what appeared in its last report.

The year has been marked by one melancholy loss which your honorable body has already felt and appreciated. Col. William D. Wilkins, one of our original members and formerly one of the most active and intelligent members of your Board, was taken away from us very suddenly. He had been much relied on to keep our Commission fully advised of the conditions and wants of the various departments of the library. From his old familiarity with it, and his ability to devote much leisure to inspecting its operations, as well as from his great acquaintance with books and libraries at home and abroad, he made himself very useful. We need not dwell on his personal and official characteristics, which are known to you. An inhabitant of our city from his childhood, he felt much pride in the prosperity of all its concerns, and has been active and successful in furthering all of its more enduring interests. His distinguished military services and his extensive foreign travel had given him a broad culture and large knowledge of men and affairs, which made him a judicious counsellor. His admirable and genial disposition endeared him to all who had the pleasure and advantage of his co-operation. We deplore his death as a personal affliction to all of us, and a loss to our whole community.

During the past year we have completed another gallery around the library building, which will furnish accommodation for a large number of books. We have also enlarged the

spaces occupied by works of reference and made some desirable improvements in aid of facilities for consultation by authors and scholars. With our present arrangements, as the building now exists, these cannot be made quite as complete as we desire, but we are not at present able to make such additions to the building as are desirable, and as will ultimately be necessary.

We have made preparation for devoting a part of the basement, which is dry and safe, to the reception and care of such manuscript and other historical material as may be given or entrusted to our care; and we desire as far as possible to facilitate the preservation of the very valuable material which is now scattered and in danger of loss, which relates to our history and to scientific and intellectual interests. We expect to be able to preserve all such material from loss by fire or other casualties.

During this year the Detroit Young Men's Society has terminated its long and useful existence as a centre of intelligence and culture. That society when the city was smaller was a very potent influence for good in bringing our citizens together for the advancement of all branches of knowledge. It numbered among its members a majority of the most enlightened and energetic members of every department of business and industry, as well as of those especially devoted to learning and intellectual pursuits. Its influence was wholesome and far reaching. We were enabled to obtain by purchase at very low rates a considerable number of books from its library, and after paying off the debts and obligations of the corporation, the society very generously gave us not only a large amount of books and documents remaining unsold, but also sold us at a nominal sum, which did not change the essential character of a gift, a large series of newspapers bound and unbound, and a number of portraits of historical value representing former members and presidents of the society, some of whom were men of extended fame and eminence.

They also gave us an expensive and valuable marble bust

of our eminent deceased fellow citizen, Lewis Cass, which is an admirable likeness and a fine work of art. These gifts have already produced results in stimulating others to aid us in forming a portrait gallery of persons who have been identified with our history. We have reason to look for valuable additions to our pictures, which will at some future day, as we trust, make up a fine collection.

We have also added, from time to time, to the collection of books and periodicals a large number of valuable works. We have endeavored, with due regard to the importance and interest of the circulating quality of our books, to keep in mind the importance of having such accessions as will also be of permanent value. We have been able to carry out a proposed plan of our predecessors by obtaining a choice collection of German books, as well as books in other modern languages, which has not, however, been allowed to interfere with the principal purposes of a good English library.

We have made some changes in the manner of heating and ventilation which will, as we are assured, conduce to both economy and comfort.

We append such further reports and information as appear desirable.

JAMES V. CAMPBELL,
President.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To the Commissioners of the Detroit Public Library :

The Secretary herewith presents the annual financial report, showing the receipts and expenditures for the year 1882, as follows, viz :

RECEIPTS.

January 1.	Balance on hand.....	\$15,701.59
December 30.	Received from taxes, levy of 1881, \$	1,293.58
" 30.	" " " 1882,	16,064.60
" 30.	" from County Treasurer,	5,826.38
" 30.	" " Library fines and sales catalogues.....	525.83
" 30.	" from A. Ives, Treasurer, interest.....	337.32
		<hr/> \$24,047.71
		\$39,949.30

EXPENDITURES.

December 30.	Paid for purchases of books.....	\$3,895.18
	" periodicals and papers...	172.56
	" binding and repairing....	692.71
	" postal cards and postage,	51.00
	" printing cards and slips,	110.94
	" gas.....	492.75
	" water tax.....	37.50
	" fuel, \$525.00 ; 24.55.....	549.55
	" new gallery, \$7,385 ; \$100	7,485.00
	" furniture.....	269.90
	" pay-roll Lib. and ass'ts...	5,901.68
	" repairs.....	138.78
	" extra catalogue slips.....	116.90
	" stationery.....	70.06
	" sundry expenses, cart- age, supplies, freight, etc.....	153.34
		<hr/> \$20,137.85
	Amount on deposit with Treasurer, Dec. 30, 1882,	\$19,811.45

A. CHESEBROUGH, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

Following is a summary of report of Henry Gillman, Librarian :

Number of volumes in Library, Dec. 31, 1881.....	42,413
Added by purchase in 1882.....	3,547
Added by gift, exclusive of pamphlets.....	4,863
Book considered lost, returned.....	1
Total number of volumes added during the year....	8,411
	<hr/> 50,824
Number of volumes lost in 1882.....	80
Number of volumes worn out.....	140
	<hr/> 220
Whole number of volumes in Library, Dec. 31, 1882,	50,605

The Library has been open for the issuing and consulting of books two hundred and eighty-two days during the year.

The number of books issued for home use from the Library, on cards, by actual count, was 102,610. The greatest number of books drawn in any one day was (on March 11) 722; the least number being (on August 30) 178. The number consulted within the Library, during the year, was 31,428, of which 20,996 were periodicals in the serial reading department.

The beneficiaries on the register at the present date are in number 13,839. Of these 1,082 were added during the past year, of whom 571 are males and 511 females.

The 140 volumes of books worn out from use may be classified as follows; 138 belong to novels and juvenile fiction; 1 volume to periodicals, and one to poetry.

The following is a statement of the repairs to books made within the Library, as well as the binding done:

A book binder was employed at the Library ninety and one-fourth days.

Number of volumes repaired at the Library.....	8,974
Number of volumes re-sewed at the bindery.....	53
Number of volumes re-bound.....	473
Number of volumes in paper bound.....	422
Total number of volumes repaired and re-bound.....	9,922

CIRCULATION 1882.

<i>Classification.</i>	<i>Vols. issued.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>
1. Arts and Sciences.....	4,028	3.926
2. History, Biography and Travel.....	10,921	10.643
3. Fiction.....	62,675	61.081
4. Juvenile Literature.	10,432	10.167
5. Poetry and Drama.....	2,159	2.104
6. Theology, Philosophy and Sociology.....	3,171	3.090
7. Philosophy and Miscellaneous	3,494	3.405
8. German and French.....	5,730	5.584
Totals.....	102,610	100.000

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Commissioners

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

CITY OF DETROIT,

FOR THE YEAR 1883.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF DETROIT.

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LEVI L. BARBOUR.....	15 Bank Block.....	" 1890.
CARLOS E. WARNER	21 Moffat Building.....	<i>Ex officio.</i>

OFFICERS OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION 1888.

JAMES V. CAMPBELL.....	<i>President.</i>
ALFRED CHESEBROUGH.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
ALBERT IVES, <i>ex officio</i>	<i>Treasurer.</i>

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ALEXANDER LEWIS.	HERMAN KIEFER.	MAGNUS BUTZEL.
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COMMITTEE ON PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

JAMES V. CAMPBELL.	LEVI L. BARBOUR.
AND THE LIBRARIAN.	

LIBRARIAN,.....	HENRY GILLMAN.
ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.....	LUCIAN B. GILMORE.

* Dr. Kiefer resigned during the summer of this year and Magnus Butzel was appointed to fill the vacancy.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Board of Education :

GENTLEMEN—The Library Commission have very few matters requiring to be specially reported for the past year, beyond the details of the Librarian's annual statement. Additions to the books are steadily made and further facilities have been provided, as far as possible, for the accommodation of readers and the public. During the year the large collection of newspapers, which has assumed importance as containing materials of history, has been commodiously arranged and placed in secure but accessible cases. The reference department has been enlarged and the rooms containing works of this kind have been extended on the main floor of the library, so as to be quite convenient.

Considerable additions have been made to meet the wants of persons engaged in such industries as are more or less aided by artistic designs and illustrations. We are constantly reminded in various ways of the great increase of all kinds of industrial work in our city and its vicinity, and we have endeavored to make provision which will need constant enlargement to meet the demands of those who desire to be acquainted with the new applications of science to the different industries as they are developed. Detroit is becoming a prosperous centre for many important branches of enterprise.

The Art Loan Exhibition which was so successfully conducted in this city during the past autumn created an increased interest, not only in matters directly pertaining to art, but in other directions, including especially literature and history. We have some reason to anticipate advantage from the interest so excited, in future additions to our own collections of pictures and other artistic possessions.

We are desirous, as our means will permit, of so enlarging our building as to enable us to keep in security and display more satisfactorily such valuable articles as we have no present room to exhibit and no entirely safe place for keeping at all. We have been from the first hampered in our work by having no provision whatever for separate apartments for any purpose whatever, inasmuch as all of the work of librarian and committees has to be done in the same open room devoted to the general purposes of the library.

We propose during the next year, if possible, to make an extension in the rear of our present building to accommodate the reading room, some business rooms and apartments for manuscript and other proper collections, not now adequately provided for. As we do not deem it within our proper duty to incur any debts, we can only expend for this purpose such means as we have set apart for that object. The time is not very distant when we may be obliged to enlarge our space for the storage of books, and the need of better accommodation for our reading room is already pressing, so that we would not be justified in postponing action for that purpose beyond such delay as is unavoidable.

An important change has been made in extending the hours of keeping the library open. Under our new arrangement the library is kept open from nine in the morning until nine at night. This has made it necessary to somewhat increase the working force of assistants, and to arrange their times of attendance at different parts of the day in proper rotation. Attention has also been given to increasing the facilities for distributing books so as to prevent unnecessary delays in obtaining them.

It has been found expedient to have examinations of candidates for positions in the library upon such topics as will best indicate their intelligence and their fitness for the special work required of them in the library. The committee who took charge of the examination work prepared a list of questions to be answered in writing in their presence, which cov-

ered such matters as were deemed important in determining the general knowledge, and educational standing and practical knowledge and experience of the applicants, without dwelling on such irrelevant and out-of-the-way subjects as have sometimes been made ground of objection to examinations for service. The examinations were rationally and fairly conducted, and the result appears to be satisfactory.

The details of the annual business and of the library management will appear in the various statements and reports appended.

JAMES V. CAMPBELL,
President.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To the Commissioners of the Detroit Public Library:

The Secretary has the honor to report the following statement of receipt and expenditures on account of the Public Library for the year 1883:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1883	\$19,811.45
Received from taxes, levy 1881.....	\$ 1.15
“ “ “ city bids, 1881.....	133.49
“ “ “ 1882.....	1,153.70
“ “ “ 1883.....	17,484.73
“ County Treas., fines and penalties, 1883	5,115.00
“ Library fines and sales catalogues.....	359.79
“ B. Westerman, rebate on books.....	1.50
“ A. Ives, Treas., interest on balances...	575.10
	<hr/> \$24,824.46
	\$44,635.91

DISBURSEMENTS.

Books.....	\$ 3,757.07
Periodicals and papers.....	194.73
Binding and repairing.....	706.31
Postal cards and postage.....	63.00
Printing cards.....	6.00
Printing catalogue bulletins.....	102.75
Gas.....	580.25
Fuel.....	542.00
Water and ice.....	31.50
Furniture, \$374.40 due for 1882; \$300 for 1883....	674.40
Pay-roll.....	6,382.34
Repairs.....	275.77
Additional heating apparatus.....	367.25
Stationery.....	45.29
Sundries, labor, cartage, supplies, etc.....	107.18
	<hr/> \$13,835.84
Amount on deposit with Treasurer, Jan. 1, 1884.....	\$30,800.07
	<hr/> \$44,635.91

A. CHESBROUGH, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

Following is a summary of the report of Henry Gillman, Librarian :

Number of volumes in library, Dec. 31, 1882.....	50,605
Added by purchase.....	2,666
Added by gift.....	453
Books considered lost, returned.....	18
Number of volumes added during the year.....	3,137
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> 53,742
Number of volumes lost during the year.....	63
Number of volumes worn out.....	58
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Total number of volumes in library, Dec. 1, 1883.....53,621

During the year the library has been open to the public for the consulting and issuing of books, two hundred and eighty-five days.

The number of books issued for home use was 114,960 volumes. The greatest number drawn in any one day was (on Saturday, February 17,) 837; the least number being (on Wednesday, September 5,) 328 volumes. The works consulted within the library number 33,789, of which 20,475 were periodicals in the serial reading department.

In order to comply with the formula for circulation adopted by the American Library Association, the following summary of the issue of books is given :

Number of volumes issued for home use.....	114,960
Number of volumes delivered for reference.....	13,314
Total circulation.....	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> 128,274
Use of periodicals and newspapers.....	20,475
Total use.....	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> 148,740

The increase of 2,882 volumes of books consulted within the library, as shown by comparison with the number consulted last year, is gratifying, as these books belong, with few exceptions, to the more solid reading, being chiefly works of reference.

The register at the close of the year contained the names of 15,074 borrowers of books to whom cards had been issued. Of these, 1,235 were subscribers added during the year, of whom 720 are males and 515 females. This as compared with the number of subscribers added during the previous year, shows an increase of 153. A large number of persons who frequent the reading room, and visit the library for the purpose of consultation, are not card-holders, have not entered their names on the register, and are, therefore, not included in the above enumeration.

CIRCULATION 1883.

<i>Classification.</i>	<i>Vols. issued.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>
1. Arts and Sciences.....	4,922	4.28
2. History, Biography and Travel.....	12,531	10.90
3. Fiction.....	70,239	61.01
4. Juvenile Literature.....	11,818	10.27
5. Poetry and Drama.....	2,213	1.93
6. Theology, Philosophy and Sociology.....	3,696	3.32
7. Philology and Miscellaneous.....	4,094	3.56
8. German and French.....	5,447	4.73
Totals.....	114,960	100.00

On November 24, the hours during which the Library remains open daily was extended. These are now from nine o'clock in the morning until nine in the evening.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Commissioners

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

CITY OF DETROIT,

FOR THE YEAR 1884.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF DETROIT.

<i>Members.</i>	<i>Address.</i>	<i>Term Expires.</i>
ALFRED CHESEBROUGH.....	Foot of Second Street.....	Jan. 1, 1885.
GEO. V. N. LOTHROP.....	17 McMillan Building.....	" 1886.
JAMES V. CAMPBELL.....	20 Bank Chambers.....	" 1887.
ALEXANDER LEWIS.....	46 Woodbridge St. West.....	" 1888.
MAGNUS BUTZEL.....	406 Woodward Avenue.....	" 1889.
LEVI L. BARBOUR.....	15 Bank Block.....	" 1890.
C. I. WALKER.....	21 Moffat Building.....	<i>Ex officio.</i>

OFFICERS OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION 1884.

JAMES V. CAMPBELL.....	<i>President.</i>
ALEXANDER LEWIS ...	<i>Vice-President.</i>
ALFRED CHESEBROUGH.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
ALBERT IVES, <i>ex officio</i>	<i>Treasurer.</i>

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ALEXANDER LEWIS.	MAGNUS BUTZEL.
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COMMITTEE ON PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

JAMES V. CAMPBELL.	LEVI L. BARBOUR.
AND THE LIBRARIAN.	

LIBRARIAN,.....	HENRY GILLMAN.
ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.....	LUCIAN B. GILMORE.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Board of Education of the City of Detroit :

GENTLEMEN—The Library Commission have very little to report beyond the statistical information which is contained in the Librarian's annual statement. Additions are made from time to time to the books on the various departments of knowledge, and the changes now going on in the enlargement of our facilities will enable us to add considerably to the news and reading departments as well as to the gathering and preservation of historical and other material for which the ordinary means of deposits have heretofore been inadequate. The plan of the library building, as originally carried out, while it gives means for increasing very largely the shelving and other apparatus for the circulating department, which is the principal one in such a library as ours, left no adequate room for reading facilities, especially for periodical literature and news, and provided no room whatever for any purpose except what was open to passage and interruption. We have been able now to arrange for the extension of the main building by an addition in the rear of about 50 by 60 feet, in which provision will be made at once for a large reading room and several smaller business and reference rooms on the same floor, and for a commodious and extensive apartment beneath the reading room prepared with special reference to dryness and security against fire and dangers of all kinds, for the preservation of manuscripts and such other articles of rarity and importance as would be most difficult to replace. We have had it in view from the beginning of our work to make special efforts to secure the floating historical material which is now mostly in private hands, and which will be to a large extent

entrusted to the custody of a responsible keeper as soon as it can be known that it will be in a place safe from accident and spoliation. There are some collections already made which we have every reason to believe will before long be placed in our hands, and there are many persons who have a few or single articles that will come to the same destination. It is not our purpose to invite the accumulation of mere *bric-a-brac* and curiosities. But papers and documents and other articles not easily classified, which have an intrinsic value as illustrating history, general and local, and are of permanent as well as antiquarian importance, are daily perishing or passing away from this neighborhood, and are thus becoming practically lost. The importance of saving these things was early urged upon our attention, and we have kept it in mind until now we have our plans made with direct reference to it. Finding that it would be cheaper and better to build two stories now than to raise the height of the building hereafter, we have for the present left the upper story mostly unpartitioned, so that until further subdivision is needed, it may be used for such collections or auxiliary purposes as are most convenient. The necessary arrangements for increased means of heating and lighting are made to be completed with the building, which will be ready for full occupancy early next fall.

The residence of our former colleague, Dr. Herman Kiefer, at Stettin, in Germany, where he has distinguished himself by his valuable researches and communications on commercial and industrial subjects, which have received flattering appreciation from our Government, has enabled us to avail ourselves of his kindness in the selection and purchase of such books and other library material as can be procured most advantageously in Germany. Dr. Kiefer has very generously offered to serve us in procuring what we may desire to get in that region, and his extensive acquirements and excellent business judgment will aid us materially not only in procuring very desirable material, but also in doing this at a

great pecuniary saving. He has always shown a lively interest in the prosperity of the library.

We have had arranged and made accessible the very considerable number of old journals published here and elsewhere, which we have obtained from time to time, the largest number having been procured at the dissolution of the Detroit Young Men's Society. The collection and preservation of files of newspapers is recognized as of much importance, and we look to the increase of our stores of these as extremely desirable.

The experience of other libraries, as well as our own, is becoming more and more valuable in correcting errors as well as in pointing out desirable changes and additions, and it is our wish to make such improvements as from time to time appear worthy of adoption.

We refer to the appended documents for further information in details.

The retirement of our colleague, Mr. Chesebrough, who has acted as Secretary since our organization, and has been unwearied in his attention to the interests of the library, renders it proper to put upon record our appreciation of his valuable services.

JAMES V. CAMPBELL,
President.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To the Commissioners of the Detroit Public Library :

The Secretary has the honor to report the following statement of receipts and expenditures, on account of the Public Library for the year 1884 :

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1884.....	\$30,800.07
Received from taxes, levy 1882.....	\$ 204.72
" " " " 1883.....	1,193.74
" " " " 1884.....	19,508.62
" County Treas., fines, &c., June, 1884...	4,327.49
" from library fines and sales catalogues,	513.75
" " A. Ives, Treas., int. on balances...	964.08
	\$26,712.40
	\$57,512.47

DISBURSEMENTS.

Books.....	\$ 4,043.50
Periodicals and newspapers.....	237.17
Binding and repairing books.....	713.09
Postal cards and postage.....	60.00
Printing postal cards, &c.....	6.50
Printing slips.....	84.25
Printing rules and regulations.....	34.75
Printing bulletin catalogues.....	59.05
Coal, \$575.30 ; weighing same, \$11.....	586.30
Gas, \$964 ; gas regulator, \$75.....	1,039.00
Fire insurance.....	263.00
Water tax and ice.....	19.67
Furniture.....	31.00
Pay roll, Librarian and Assistants.....	7,118.83
Pay roll, extra assistants.....	266.75
Repairs.....	358.24
Stationery.....	52.97
Sundries, labor, cartage, freight. supplies, etc.....	98.55

Advertising for bids for coal, insurance, building, &c.....	\$ 133.55
W. G. Vinton & Co., on account contract for building addition.....	13,295.59
Mason & Rice, architects, on account designs and superintendence of building addition.....	638.00
	<hr/> 29,139.76
Amount on deposit with A. Ives, Treasurer, Jan. 1, 1885.....	\$28,372.71
	<hr/> \$57,512.47

A. CHESEBROUGH, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

Following is a summary of the report of Henry Gillman, Librarian :

Number of volumes in Library, December 31, 1883.....	53,621
Number added by purchase in 1884.....	2,429
Number added by gift in 1884.....	719
Books considered lost, returned.....	12
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Number of volumes added during the year.....	3,160
Number of volumes lost during the year.....	60
Number of volumes worn out.....	53
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Total number of volumes in Library, Dec. 31, 1884..... 56,668

During this year, 1,346 subscribers were added to the register, of whom 731 are male and 615 female. As compared with the number of subscribers added during 1883, this is an increase of 111. The increase of last year over the preceding year was 153, which shows for the year just closed a slight falling of in the rate of growth.

The Library has been open to the public for the consulting and issuing of books, three hundred and three days. During eight weeks in the months of July and August, the library was open on all secular days from 12 o'clock M. to 6 o'clock P. M. (half time), excepting on Saturdays, when it was open till 9 o'clock in the evening. This was to enable the assistants to relieve each other in taking their vacations. For the remainder of the year it has been open each day, excepting Sundays and holidays, from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M.

The number of books issued for home use was 126,376, a daily average of 417 volumes, against 403 volumes, the daily average of the preceding year. The works consulted within

the building number 37,228, of which 25,506 were periodicals in the serial reading department.

The following summary of the issue of books is given :

Number of volumes for home use.....	126,376
Number of volumes delivered for reference.....	11,722
Total circulation.....	138,098
Use of periodicals and newspapers.....	25,506
Total use.....	163,604

The total circulation in 1883 was 128,274, and the total use 148,749, showing a marked increase in both instances in favor of the year just closed.

CIRCULATION, 1884.

<i>Classification.</i>	<i>Vols. issued.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>
1. Arts and Sciences.....	5,380	4.27
2. History, Biography and Travel.....	12,361	9.79
3. Fiction.....	82,689	65.43
4. Juvenile Literature.	9,837	7.76
5. Poetry and Drama.....	2,064	1.63
6. Theology, Philosophy and Sociology.....	3,721	2.95
7. Philosophy and Miscellaneous.....	4,256	3.37
8. German and French.....	6,070	4.80
Totals.....	126,378	100.00

The periodical reading room shows an increase in the number of visitors as well as the number of serials perused. The total number of magazines and newspapers read during the year just closed was 25,506, the readers numbering 20,139; of these, 18,123 were males, and 2,016 females. The preceding year the attendance reached 16,642 in number, 14,713 being males, and 1,929 females. The total attendance the previous year (two years ago) was 16,225.

The cramped quarters of the reading room, confined to the narrow limits in the south-west angle of the building, have doubtless prevented a more general use of this department. The new addition to the library building now approaching completion, and offering a spacious reading room and other

much needed accommodations will be hailed as a great relief from the existing condition which has been restrictive of expansion in many directions.

The volumes of books worn out and set aside as too dilapidated for circulation, number 53, nearly all belonging to fiction or juvenile works. The number of volumes withdrawn for a like cause the previous year was 58.

A book-binder was employed at the library 48 days.

Number of volumes repaired at the Library.....	3,140
Number of volumes re-sewed at the bindery.....	42
Number of volumes re-bound.....	652
Number of volumes in paper bound.....	301
Total number of vols. repaired, bound and re-bound.....	4,135

Of the sixty books accounted lost, nine were stolen. On the morning of May 30, 1884, it was found that the library had been entered during the night, probably by forcing open one of the windows, and the nine volumes referred to, mostly rare works, stolen from one of the glass cases. A small sum of money was also taken at the same time from the cash drawer.

The hours during which the library remains open to the public continue to be from nine o'clock in the morning until nine o'clock at night, the assistants relieving each other in regular order. This has entailed the necessity of extra assistants.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Commissioners

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

CITY OF DETROIT,

FOR THE YEAR 1885.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF DETROIT.

<i>Members.</i>	<i>Address.</i>	<i>Term Expires.</i>
GEO. V. N. LOTHROP*.....	17 McMillan Building.....	Jan. 1, 1886.
JAMES V. CAMPBELL.....	20 Bank Chambers.....	“ 1887.
ALEXANDER LEWIS.....	46 Woodbridge St. West.....	“ 1888.
MAGNUS BUTZEL.....	406 Woodward Avenue.....	“ 1889.
LEVI L. BARBOUR.....	15 Bank Block.....	“ 1890.
JOSEPH A. MARSH.....	86 Larned Street West.....	“ 1891.
GEO. GARTNER	18 Campau Building	<i>Ex officio.</i>

OFFICERS OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION 1888.

JAMES V. CAMPBELL.....	<i>President.</i>
ALEXANDER LEWIS	<i>Vice-President.</i>
JOSEPH A. MARSH.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
ALBERT IVES, <i>ex officio</i>	<i>Treasurer.</i>

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ALEXANDER LEWIS.	MAGNUS BUTZEL.
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COMMITTEE ON PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

JAMES V. CAMPBELL.	LEVI L. BARBOUR.	HERBERT BOWEN.
AND THE LIBRARIAN.		

LIBRARIAN,.....	HENRY M. UTLEY.
ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.....	LUCIAN B. GILMORE.

* Mr. Lothrop resigned in April of this year and Herbert Bowen was appointed to fill the vacancy.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Board of Education of Detroit :

GENTLEMEN—The Library Commission, referring to the appended reports of the condition of the Library for more specific information, begs leave to make its annual report as follows :

In the general work of the library room there has been a satisfactory state of things among the various persons employed, and it has been the endeavor of the Commission to make the Library as useful and complete as they can. Experience develops more or less to be attended to, both in the way of addition and of correction in methods. Upon the whole we think that we have reason to regard the Library as improving both in merit and in appreciation. We considered it important for the librarian to keep informed of the work, which is now being considerably systematized in the other large libraries of the United States and he accordingly was present at the convention of librarians held during the past season at Lake George, where there were many experienced and practical men whose views upon several subjects of importance in the management of libraries have been deservedly regarded as valuable. Much can be learned from the comparison of plans and the exchange of ideas among such able representatives, and we hope that good results will come of it.

We have made some desirable changes in the facilities for distributing and consulting books, which have been made practicable by the completion of the addition in the rear of the original building. Hertofores the reading room and all the business arrangements have been conducted on the main floor of the Library, considerably curtailing needed facilities

and occupying space for purposes which unavoidably impaired the quiet of the room. The present reading room is entirely detached from the rest of the library, although connected with it by a rear entrance. It is large and well lighted and very well adapted to all of its purposes. We have no doubt it will be much more useful than we have ever been able to make it heretofore, and general satisfaction is expressed at the completion of the arrangement. In the upper story of the addition we have been fortunate enough to secure the deposit of the valuable collections of the Scientific Association, the educational value of which is very highly regarded by those most experienced in public teaching. The collection is large and choice and will add very much to the attractions of the Library. We have also completed a basement room entirely dry as well as secure from fire, for the purpose of depositing in it valuable manuscripts and articles which cannot be duplicated. We have much encouragement to expect that it will enable us to gather and preserve large quantities of material for history, for which there has been hitherto no safe place of deposit anywhere.

We have also received, to be kept separate, but open to access, the desirable collection of books which formed the Mechanics' Library. These books were chosen carefully, and the collection contains some rare as well as costly books and sets. We hope that in due time other collections may be placed in our hands. Other libraries, and especially the Public Library of Boston, have been presented with private collections of scholars and public men, that frequently contain books and manuscripts entirely beyond the reach of purchasers, and valuable further for the sake of the donors. Such gifts are very much to be coveted.

When the Commission was organized, Mr. Henry Gillman was in charge as Librarian, and he continued to act in that capacity until the past summer, when he resigned his position, remaining, however, long enough to enable his successor to become familiar with his work. Upon the occurrence of

this vacancy Mr. Henry M. Utley, of Detroit, was selected to fill the office. Mr. Utley has shown an entire fitness for the position, and has been uncommonly ready in mastering his work and adapting matters to the changes which the new arrangements in the building have made necessary. The work appears to go on quietly and pleasantly, and with satisfactory order and business method.

The documents which are returned with this report will exhibit in more detail the condition of the library, in all matters essential.

JAMES V. CAMPBELL,
President.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To the Honorable Commissioners of Detroit Public Library :

Your Secretary respectfully reports the following statement of receipts and disbursements, on account of the Public Library for the year 1885 :

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1885.....	\$28,372.71
Received from city taxes, 1883 and prior.....	\$ 188.31
“ “ “ 1884.....	96.53
“ “ “ 1885.....	21,636.18
“ “ County Treasurer, fines, &c.....	10,376.39
“ “ Library fines and sales of catalogues.....	520.36
“ “ A. Ives, interest on balance in bank.....	1,020.83
	<u>\$11,917.58</u>
Total.....	\$62,211.31

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for books.....	\$4,632.24
“ periodicals.....	100.51
“ binding and repairing books.....	1,152.15
“ postals and postage.....	65.00
“ printing.....	199.55
“ stationery.....	160.33
“ advertising.....	33.76
“ coal.....	297.09
“ gas.....	1,198.20
“ water and ice.....	56.25
“ repairs to building.....	755.35

Paid for furniture and fixtures.....	\$ 998.10
“ salaries.....	8,509.59
“ sundries.....	203.10
Paid to Vinton & Co., on contract, new addition to library.....	12,638.48
Paid to Mason & Rice, architects, for superintend- ence, &c.....	400.00
	<hr/> \$31,399.70
Cash on hand Jan. 2, 1886.....	\$30,811.61

J. A. MARSH, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

Following is a summary of report of Henry M. Utley, Librarian :

In August last the rules of the Library were so changed as to require all holders of readers' cards whose cards were issued more than five years ago to sign the register anew, with their sureties, and that hereafter a new registry should be required every five years. This rule applied to 11,440 card holders, of whom 829 have since registered.

Whole No. registered holders of readers' cards.....	13,561
" " " in 1885.....	3,090
No. of old card holders re-registered in 1885.....	829
" new readers registered in 1885.....	2,261
" " " " 1884.....	1,346
Increase in 1855.....	915

The Library was open for general use 306 days. The hours were from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M., except during the months of July and August, when they were 12 M. to 6 P. M., and on Saturdays 12 M. to 9 P. M.

The number of books consulted in the Library was 15,481 against 11,722 in the preceding year. The number of books given out for home reading was 134,068, against 126,376 in the preceding year.

No. of volumes for home reading.....	134,068
" " consulted in library.....	15,481
Total circulation of books, 1885.....	149,549
" " " 1884.....	138,098
Increase.....	11,451

The following statement shows the number and classification of the books withdrawn for home reading and the ratio which each class bears to the whole number:

<i>Classification.</i>	<i>No. Books.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>
Agriculture.....	422	.38
Amusements.....	702	.52
Arts (fine and useful).....	1,867	1.39
Biography.....	3,419	2.53
Fiction.....	86,943	64.84
French.....	1,242	.92
German.....	5,773	4.36
History.....	6,299	4.69
Juvenile.....	9,574	7.14
Literature (general).....	2,314	1.52
Medicine.....	832	.62
Periodicals (bound).....	1,939	1.44
Philology.....	252	.30
Philosophy.....	774	.64
Poetry and Drama.....	2,044	1.52
Science.....	1,809	1.37
Sociology.....	1,532	1.14
Theology.....	1,639	1.22
Travel and Description.....	4,689	3.49

The number of individuals who made use of the reading room during the year was 18,286.

Total periodicals read.....	22,284
Total number of books read.....	149,549
Total use of library and reading room, 1885.....	171,833
" " " " 1884.....	163,604
Increase in 1885.....	8,229

According to the best attainable information the library now contains about 60,000 volumes, of which 3,345 were added in 1885. Taking the figures printed in the last annual report as the basis, the following statement explains itself:

No. of volumes in library, Dec. 31, 1884.....	56,668
“ “ added during the year.....	3,345
	<hr/> 60,013
No. of volumes worn out during the year.....	360
	<hr/> 59,653

During the year there have been 2,593 volumes repaired in the library bindery at a cost of \$103.75. Besides these there have been 14 volumes resewed and 1,782 volume bound. Of the latter, 883 were German books imported in paper and put into binding by our contractor.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

FROM FINES AND FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES AND
FROM DIRECT TAXATION.

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Fines.</i>	<i>City Tax.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
1863.....	\$ 3,187.29	.....	\$ 3,187.29
1864.....	4,210.28	.....	4,210.28
1865.....	4,561.36	.....	4,561.36
1866.....	5,314.59	.....	5,314.59
1867.....	2,163.50	.....	2,163.50
1868.....	2,615.16	.....	2,615.16
1869.....	12,962.72	.....	12,962.72
1870.....	12,220.29	.....	12,220.29
1871.....	5,839.71	.....	5,839.71
1872.....	7,039.20	.....	7,039.20
1873.....	10,151.23	.....	10,151.23
1874.....	8,508.98	*\$37,662.83	46,171.81
1875.....	6,434.00	*48,744.16	55,178.16
1876.....	8,815.00	*28,231.98	37,046.98
1877.....	6,163.24	*7,057.37	13,220.61
1878.....	6,129.20	*709.17	6,838.37
1879.....	2,908.72	*156.50	3,065.22
1880.....	3,405.13	*47.48	3,452.61
1881.....	6,370.36	15,195.18	21,565.54
1882.....	5,826.38	17,358.18	23,184.56
1883.....	5,115.00	18,773.07	23,888.07
1884.....	4,327.49	20,907.08	25,234.57
1885.....	10,376.39	21,921.02	32,297.41
1886.....	5,550.00	24,863.01	30,413.01

*Library building fund.

SUMMARY

OF THE

GROWTH AND USE OF THE LIBRARY.

<i>Year.</i>	<i>No. Volumes at end of year.</i>	<i>Library Read'g during year.</i>	<i>Home Read'g during year.</i>	<i>Total use dur'g year.</i>
1865.....	8,864	.....	.....	4,700
1866.....	10,509	.....	.....	15,000
1867.....	15,020	.....	.....	30,000
1868.....	15,620	.....	.....	35,000
1869.....	17,586	.....	.....	40,000
1870.....	18,717	.....	.....	40,000
1871.....	21,161	7,200	45,600	52,800
1872.....	22,115	9,200	98,000	107,200
1873.....	22,882	10,100	115,000	125,100
1874.....	24,176	10,200	145,000	155,200
1875.....	24,903	11,000	148,000	159,000
1876.....	33,604	11,500	148,000	159,500
1877.....	37,703	12,000	150,000	162,000
1878.....	39,045	15,000	184,200	199,200
1879.....	40,358	15,000	185,500	200,500
1880.....	40,496	12,000	113,585	125,585
1881.....	42,413	12,000	116,932	128,932
1882.....	50,605	10,432	102,610	113,042
1883.....	53,621	13,314	114,960	128,274
1884.....	56,668	11,722	126,376	138,098
1885.....	59,653	15,481	134,068	149,549
1886.....	70,550	19,669	147,616	167,285

NOTE—Prior to 1880 the statistics of the use of the library were estimated. The figures are given above as they were reported from year to year, but the accurate record which has since been kept makes evident the fact that the estimates were not very close.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Commissioners

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

CITY OF DETROIT,

FOR THE YEAR 1886.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF DETROIT.

<i>Members.</i>	<i>Address.</i>	<i>Term Expires.</i>
JAMES V. CAMPBELL.....	20 Bank Chambers.....	Jan. 1, 1887.
ALEXANDER LEWIS.....	46 Woodbridge St. West.....	“ 1888.
MAGNUS BUTZEL.....	406 Woodward Avenue.....	“ 1889.
LEVI L. BARBOUR.....	30 Bank Block.....	“ 1890.
JOSEPH A. MARSH*.....	85 Larned Street West.....	“ 1891.
HERBERT BOWEN.....	33 Forest Avenue, West.....	“ 1892.
HENRY A. HARMON.....	46 Lafayette Ave.....	<i>Ex officio.</i>

OFFICERS OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION 1886.

JAMES V. CAMPBELL.....	<i>President.</i>
ALEXANDER LEWIS	<i>Vice-President.</i>
GEORGE S. HOSMER.....	<i>Secretary.</i>
ALBERT IVES, <i>ex officio</i>	<i>Treasurer.</i>

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MAGNUS BUTZEL. HENRY A. HARMON. ALEXANDER LEWIS.

COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL MANAGEMENT.

LEVI L. BARBOUR. GEORGE S. HOSMER. MAGNUS BUTZEL.

COMMITTEE ON PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

JAMES V. CAMPBELL. GEORGE S. HOSMER. HERBERT BOWEN.

LIBRARIAN,.....	HENRY M. UTLEY.
ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS.....	{ LUCIAN B. GILMORE. NORMAN C. PERKINS.

* Mr. Marsh resigned in April of this year and George S. Hosmer was appointed to fill the vacancy.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Board of Education :

The Library Commission report their affairs for the past year as follows :

The Librarian's report will show the details of the purchase and other acquisition of books and other articles and the distribution and use of the books circulated.

The addition to the building put up in 1885 and 1886 was occupied early in 1886, and enabled the Commission to provide for some very necessary matters that had thus far been omitted or imperfectly administered. The necessity of a more convenient reading room had long been felt and urged on the Commission by well defined public sentiment. It was impossible to meet this want without adding to the library building. Bearing this in mind, as well as the importance of avoiding debt, the Commission deemed it to be a duty to provide by saving from its current funds what could be laid aside for building, and was enabled by great economy to put up and pay for the addition now completed in the rear of the main building. This contains a large and commodious reading room, furnished with a good selection of journals and periodical literature, with comfortable seats and tables and adequate attendance. This has made necessary an additional force of assistants and a large increase of expenditure, but the wisdom of the undertaking has been obvious from the beginning, and it is one of the best features of the Library. Removing the reading room and offices from the main building has made it much easier to provide for the ready distribution of books to applicants and for the convenient access to those most in demand, especially works of reference. There

is much less crowding and obstruction about the distributing counters and more rapid delivery in consequence.

The collection of specimens and other articles of scientific value placed in the upper story of the rear building by the Scientific Association has proved a great attraction and is found to be of much service in the teaching of the Natural Sciences in our schools.

The museum is one of large pecuniary as well as educational importance, being well selected and extensive, and furnishes means of illustrating what cannot be adequately described in books, to which it is a potent auxiliary.

We now have means for collecting and safely keeping manuscripts and other similar articles which cannot be replaced if destroyed. The manuscript room is a large basement room, completely fire-proof, and finished with particular care to avoid dampness and mould.

Documents will be safe in it from all the common dangers of destruction.

The room already contains a considerable collection of material for local and general history, and it is the wish and purpose of the Commission to enlarge and complete it as far as possible, as has been done in the principal repositories elsewhere, by making the room a place of deposit for any valuable material of that sort, whether given or left for permanent safe-keeping. It would be foreign to the purpose of the Commission to spend money, at least in considerable sums, for anything but what are strictly library purposes. But we are encouraged in the hope that this collection will become a most important one, and will be made by the action of private and associated donors one of the best features of the Library. Such collections cannot be used to much advantage without access to a large library, and each will materially aid the other in securing friendly interest and liberality.

The book accommodations of the main building have become too small for the sufficient arrangement and deposit of the General Library. It will be necessary very soon to fill up

all the space which we possess with the additional tiers of shelving, which will require all the funds which can be provided out of our current means. The necessary expenses are considerably increased by the increase of the Library itself and the extension of the time during which it is open. It is evidently but a question of time how soon the building will become too small, with all possible economy, to contain the yearly additions of books and library material. The original plan of the building, as contemplated when built, included much more space than was put within the present walls. It is not desirable to expend any large sums for purely ornamental architecture beyond what is necessary to make the building suitable for its purpose. But it will be necessary in a few years at most to provide for larger space, not only for the circulation department, but also for the more practical collections which will serve the uses of those engaged in scientific and industrial pursuits and purposes of direct utility. These works are expensive and it is desirable as far as possible to keep them where they will be most conveniently accessible to those who must consult them where they are.

The Library has received many evidences of appreciation by donations and other indications of interest. Within the year it has been made the donee of some valuable works of art, including portraits of David Smart, Edmund A. Brush, and recently of Jacob M. Howard, so long the eminent Senator from Michigan. All of these gentlemen were old citizens of Detroit and contributors to its growth and prosperity.

The portrait gallery contains several desirable pictures and will become a valuable repository of memorials of persons identified with our institutions.

The Librarian and his assistants have been diligent and faithful, and the condition of the library is steadily improving.

JAMES V. CAMPBELL,
President.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To the Commissioners of the Detroit Public Library:

I submit herewith a statement of the receipts and disbursements on account of the Library Fund for the year 1886:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1886	\$30,811.61
City taxes, 1884 and prior.....	\$ 138.85
“ “ 1885.....	1,474.18
“ “ 1886.....	23,249.98
	<u>\$24,863.01</u>
County Treas., fines and penalties,.....	5,550.00
A. Ives, Treas., interest on balances.....	696.94
Library fines.....	553.34
Sales of catalogues.....	94.95
Miscellaneous sources.....	14.60
Total receipts.....	<u>\$62,584.45</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance on contract and extras, new building.....	\$ 7,981.27
Furniture and fixtures.....	5,550.94
Repairs to heating apparatus, building and walks,	3,681.67
Books.....	6,422.59
Periodicals.....	640.08
Binding and repair of books.....	1,587.69
Salaries of Librarian and assistants.....	9,318.66
“ fireman and janitor service.....	1,698.77
Expense of making catalogue.....	3,782.55
Printing catalogue and bulletins.....	962.05
Gas.....	1,583.55
Coal.....	516.00
Express and freight on books.....	206.84
Printing and advertising.....	186.15

Stationery.....	\$ 379.83
Book supports and steps.....	279.95
Postage.....	92.40
Miscellaneous supplies.....	405.93
Insurance.....	387.00
Librarian, in trust.....	100.00
Traveling expenses.....	69.10
On account of Scientific Association.....	311.40
" Historical Society.....	300.00
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Total disbursements.....	\$46,443.52
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1886.....	\$16,140.93

GEO. S. HOSMER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Commissioners of the Public Library :

The addition to the Library building, which was begun two years before, was completed and thrown open to the public on the first day of March, 1886. The total cost of this addition was \$34,953.34. This sum covers all extras, the services of architects, and steam heating, including two new boilers, which are used in part for heating the old building. There was expended also \$4,778.16 for fixtures, furniture, cases for manuscripts, books and newspapers, cabinets for the offices of the Board, etc. This building contains a public reading-room, as handsome and commodious as any in the country, a manuscript room, fire and damp proof, and specially fitted up for the arrangement and preservation of historical manuscripts and valuable documents, a scientific museum, well lighted and already stored with a large fund of material illustrative of natural science and natural history; a conveniently arranged bindery; and, what has always been lacking, rooms for the use of the commissioners and offices for the librarian.

THE READING ROOM

As originally planned, the Library building provided a public reading room. But it was found that the cost of erecting the building, according to the plans would exceed the appropriation, and the entire front of the proposed structure was omitted. This left no reading room. But a portion of the Library room was set apart, some three or four years ago, and a few of the leading magazines and newspapers were subscribed for. Cramped and inconvenient as

these quarters were, there was an average of about a thousand readers a month.

The new room, specially designed and fitted up as a reading room, was opened on the first of March, and the list of periodicals was increased to one hundred and fifty-two, including daily newspapers from the chief cities of this country.

The popular use of the room has fully justified the commissioners in providing it.

The number of readers has averaged upwards of 4,000 monthly.

The following are the statistics of the reading for the year, and in the new room since its opening:

<i>Months.</i>	<i>Library Books.</i>	<i>Periodicals</i>
January.....	.....	819
February .....	.....	831
March.....	499	8,698
April	437	7,204
May.....	369	5,682
June	210	5,139
July.....	144	3,881
August.....	211	4,307
September.. ..	261	5,263
October.....	209	5,523
November.....	339	6,368
December	405	6,886
Totals.....	3,084	60,601

There are no restrictions upon readers. The room is open to all who come. It is open daily, on week days, from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M., and on Sundays and holidays, from 2 to 9 P. M.

Any book in the Library may be requested and it is brought to the room by a messenger. The reading and study of books are sought to be encouraged in this room, and for that reason absolute silence is enforced, and facilities are provided for writing or taking notes.

THE SCIENTIFIC MUSEUM.

The Detroit Scientific Association, after many years of

usefulness and activity, found itself in a bad predicament, from lack of financial support. It had accumulated a valuable and instructive museum of natural history, and had also been the recipient of a considerable library from the now defunct Mechanics' Society. Having no place in which to render these treasures available, and no means with which to procure or maintain such a place, the Association proposed to turn all its property over to the Library Commission in trust, for the use and benefit of the public.

The trust was accepted, and upon completion of the new addition the property was removed to the building. For storage, cost of removal and incidentals, the Commission expended the sum of \$311.40.

The museum was arranged in the upper story of the addition, which is well adapted for the purpose. It was placed in charge of Henry B. Smith, who has been its curator from the beginning. It is open daily from 2 to 5 p. m., and attracts a large number of visitors. Some use has been made of it by schools, classes coming with their teachers, for the study of topics for which the museum furnishes illustrations.

The hope was expressed by some members of the Scientific Association, that, in view of the commodious quarters provided, the Association would revive its series of winter evening meetings, which were formerly so successful. This hope has not yet been realized. The Griffith Club of Microscopy, has, however, made use of the rooms, by holding public meetings, with lectures, exhibitions, etc., which have proved very interesting and attractive.

Among the assets of the Scientific Association were 139 books, mainly government publications, all of which, except 38, were duplicates of books already in the Library.

MECHANICS' LIBRARY.

This library which served an admirable purpose in its day, had, since the collapse of the society which collected it, been frequently removed and had suffered greatly from want of

care and oversight. It was included in the trust executed by the Scientific Association. As it came into the hands of the Library Commission, it comprised 3,314 books, besides a number of pamphlets. It was found that all but 474 of the books were already in the Library, and only this number actually became available for our use. The remainder stand as duplicates, to be used only to replace lost or worn out volumes as occasion may require.

The Mechanics' Library books are allowed to circulate only upon special permit.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Detroit Historical Society, which ceased active life several years ago, had accumulated a library of 611 books, largely public documents of Michigan and other States, together with a few volumes relating to the Northwest. In addition it had collected and carefully arranged a considerable number of manuscripts, diaries, account books and other original historical material, all of very great local historical value. These had been stored for some years by the Secretary, Hon. C. I. Walker, to his own inconvenience and without convenience to the public. An arrangement was concluded early in the year, by which this collection was placed in the Library, the Board advancing \$300 to cover accrued liabilities. It has now been arranged in cases specially prepared for it and the hope of the Commission is that it may form a nucleus about which may be gathered other original historical material, and that in time an extensive collection may be the result of this effort for the preservation of manuscript documents.

GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY.

At the close of the year an inventory of the Library was made by actual count of books. The following is the number in each class :

Bibliography, Cyclopædias, Dictionaries.....	1,258
Bound periodicals (general) and newspapers.....	3,903

Philosophy, mental and moral).....	778
Religion.....	4,843
Political science.....	807
" economy.....	462
Administration, federal and local, pub. docs.....	5,859
Law.....	577
Education.....	838
Sociology.....	1,302
Philology.....	317
Natural Science.....	3,814
Medicine.....	975
Agriculture.....	712
Domestic Economy.....	136
Useful Arts.....	1,524
Fine Arts.....	1,183
English and American Literature (inc. translations).....	3,195
" " Poetry and Drama (inc. translations)...	2,788
Biography.....	4,830
Geography, Travel and Description.....	4,570
History.....	7,028
Prose Fiction.....	12,127
Amusements.....	226
Books in German.....	3,540
Books in French.....	2,116
Books in Greek.....	106
Books in Latin.....	488
Books in Italian and Spanish.....	118
Books in minor languages.....	130
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	70,550
Pamphlets.....	9,831

A large number of these books, especially of those printed abroad and bound by the Library, represent two or more volumes bound in one. The total would, therefore, be increased if the count were made of individual volumes as printed.

The additions during the past year have amounted to 9,913 books, including those which came in from the Mechanics' Scientific and Historical Societies. Of the books added 4,875 were purchased.

The gifts amounted to 734 books and 864 pamphlets, and

the accessions from the Mechanics' and other societies, 4,064.

There were, beside these, 240 volumes of newspapers deposited in the Library for the use and convenience of the public.

During the year there were 318 books laid aside as worn out, 23 lost and paid for, and 627 duplicates, nearly all public documents, exchanged or sold.

The list of donors to the library numbers 229. It will be found in the appendix following this report. Among the more notable gifts were 20 volumes from the British Patent Office, 11 bound volumes of newspapers from D. J. Davison, of this city; 46 bound volumes and 63 pamphlets from Rev. Dr. Eddy, of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of this city; 13 volumes from the Massachusetts Historical Society, and 15 volumes, mainly historical, from C. I. Walker, of this city.

The following shows the accessions, exclusive of duplicates, in each of the several classes named :

Agriculture.....	41
Amusements.....	23
Arts (fine and useful).....	247
Biography.....	257
Fiction.....	1,329
French.....	51
German.....	16
History.....	561
Juvenile.....	132
Literature (general).....	197
Medical.....	51
Periodicals.....	754
Philology.....	57
Philosophy.....	38
Poetry and Drama.....	140
Reference.....	125
Science.....	218
Sociology.....	1,396
Spanish, Italian and other languages.....	74
Theology.....	162
Travel and Description——.....	257

PERIODICALS.

Besides the bound volumes of the current issues for 1885 and 1886, of such of the periodicals taken in the reading room as were adapted for preservation in that shape, considerable progress has been made during the year in filling up incomplete sets of periodicals, of which fragments were already on our shelves. Most of the volumes and numbers needed for this purpose were out of print and could only be had by searching second-hand book stores and catalogues, and by watching auction sales of libraries. But by these methods, in addition to a large accumulation of numbers for volumes not yet completed, 754 back volumes of periodicals have been added, among which are the following: American Antiquarian, 4 vols. (completing set); American Church Review, 8 vols.; American Geographical Society Journal, 13 vols.; American Journal of Science and Arts, 36 vols., (completing the set) Blackwood's Magazine, 26; Catholic World, 17; Chambers' Journal, 28 (completing the series since 1849, together with the 12 folio volumes 1832-43); Michigan University Chronicle, 9; Magazine, 4, and Oracle, 3; Contemporary Review, 7; Courier des Etats Unis 3; Democratic Review, 5; Chicago Dial 4; Eclectic Magazine, 62; Edinburgh Review, 16; Every Saturday, 4; Galaxy, 4; Good Words, 18; Historical Magazine, 17; Illustrated London News, 26; International Review, 6; Journal of Franklin Institute, 8; Knickerbocker, 9; Library Journal, 2 (completing set); Lippincott's Magazine, 8 (completing set); Literary World (N. Y.), 7; Littell's Living Age, 14; London Quarterly Review, 21; Manhattan, 4 (complete); New Englander, 38 (complete); N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register, 10; N. Y. Review, 9; Niles, National Register, 21; North American Review, 11 (completing set, except single number in 1815); North British Review, 4; Old and New, 8; Overland, 7; Penn Monthly, 8; Philosophical Magazine, 9; Popular Science Monthly, 2, and supplement, 2 (completing both sets); Quarterly Review, 4; Revue des Deux

Mondes, 4; Science, 4 (complete); Tait's Edinburgh Magazine, 13; Van Nostrand's Engineering Magazine, 32, and Westminster Review, 4.

DETROIT NEWSPAPERS.

In the high and dry basement under the reading room a fire-proof apartment has been fitted up with cases for holding newspapers, and in these are stored, exclusive of duplicates, about 340 bound volumes of daily and weekly papers, including an almost complete collection of all that have ever been published in Detroit. The publishers of the "Free Press," the "Tribune" and the "Journal" have deposited their private files in the Library, and with our own collection thus supplemented we have five volumes of the Detroit "Gazette," beginning July 25, 1817; 77 of the "Free Press," beginning May 5, 1831; 1 of the "Courier," 1832-35, and 2 of the "Christian Herald;" 45 of the "Journal," "Journal and Advertiser," and "Daily Advertiser," beginning Nov. 20, 1829; 22 of the "Advertiser and Tribune," beginning Jan. 2, 1863; 8 of the "Tribune," beginning Nov. 19, 1849; 18 of the "Post," beginning March 27, 1866; 17 of the "Post and Tribune," beginning Oct. 14, 1878; 1 of the "Post," 1885; 6 of the "Daily Union," beginning Jan. 8, 1868; 2 of the "Daily Democrat," 1854-5; 24 of the "Evening News," beginning Aug. 23, 1873; 1 of the "Evening Telegraph," 1877-8; 2 of the "Times," beginning Dec. 4, 1883, and 7 of the "Evening Journal," beginning Dec. 4, 1883.

USE OF THE LIBRARY.

The life of a card in the hands of a reader is five years. After that period a new registration is necessary. This regulation has dropped from the list the great mass of names of persons formerly registered who are not now using the Library. The statistics below show the number of valid cards and the number of readers who registered during the year:

Whole number registered holders of readers' cards.....	10,678
No. who registered in 1886.....	3,617

No. of old card holders who re-registered in 1886.....	464
“ new readers who registered in 1886.....	3,153
“ “ “ “ 1885.....	2,261
Increase in 1886.....	892

The Library was open 308 days during the past year. The number of books consulted in the building was 19,669 against 15,481 in the last preceding year. The number of volumes given out for home reading was 147,616, against 134,068 in the last preceding year.

No. books for home reading.....	147,616
“ “ consulted in the Library.....	19,669
Total use of books in 1886.....	167,285
“ “ “ 1885.....	149,549
Increase in 1886.....	17,736
Total use of books in 1886.....	167,285
“ “ periodicals in 1886.....	60,601
Total use of Library.....	227,886

In this connection it is proper to say that the rules of this Library permit a cardholder to draw out only one book at a time, and in the case of children only one book a week.

The following is a statement showing the number of books in the several classes indicated drawn from the Library for home reading, and the ratio which each class bears to the whole number :

	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>
Agriculture.....	267	.18
Amusements.....	577	.39
Art.....	1,943	1.32
Biography.....	2,865	1.94
Fiction.....	94,960	64.32
French.....	972	.66
German.....	4,020	2.72
History.....	5,388	3.65
Juvenile.....	21,196	14.36
Literature.....	1,969	1.33
Medicine.....	661	.45

Periodicals.....	1,419	.96
Philology.....	345	.23
Philosophy.....	687	.47
Poetry.....	2,079	1.41
Science.....	1,607	1.09
Sociology.....	1,288	.87
Theology.....	1,415	.96
Travel.....	3,972	2.69

The issuing of a new catalogue of fiction and juvenile books has probably stimulated the circulation of that class of literature. A similar result, it is to be hoped, will be apparent in other departments of literature following the publication of the complete catalogue, when the public will learn of the treasures of the Library, of which they have now very limited means of knowing.

BINDING AND REPAIR OF BOOKS.

During the past year there has been expended \$1,587.69 for the binding and repair of books. There were 2,370 books bound and 5,783 repaired. As intimated in the last report, the Library has heretofore suffered from lack of prompt attention to needed repairs of books. An effort to improve the condition of the Library in this respect, and the large accession of periodicals and binding the same, have swelled the expense of binding and repairs during the year to an unusually large sum.

Early in the year the Committee on Books carefully considered the whole subject in connection with the suggestion that the Board establish a bindery and do its own work, having suitable quarters for the purpose. In some cities, it is said, this plan has been tried with success, financially and otherwise. But the Committee came to the unanimous conclusion that it would not be wise at the present time to attempt to do binding. The Committee, however, recommended and its recommendation was adopted, that while the binding of books should be done by contract, as heretofore, all the re-

pairing should be done in the Library and under the immediate supervision of the Librarian.

The Board was fortunate in securing the services of an experienced binder, who is accustomed to this class of work, having for some years done the repairing in the Library. The necessary presses and tools were purchased at an outlay of \$120, a few dollars worth of material was bought, and in the early part of June the binder commenced work and has been steadily employed since at \$2 per day, or a total of \$350.

Following is a summary of his work :

No. books bound.....	44
“ “ rebound.....	119
“ “ rebaked and recased.....	308
“ “ resewed and recased.....	238
“ “ repaired.....	3,453
“ “ renovated.....	8
“ “ lettered.....	60
New bulletin covers made....	24
Large pamphlet cases made.....	40

The expenditure for material was about \$30, or a total expense for material and labor of \$380 for the above work.

I am convinced that it is economical for the Library to do this work in this way. Books needing attention are gathered up and taken to the bindery every morning. They are repaired and put back on the shelves the next morning, and hence are not withdrawn from use for a long period. They are repaired when they begin to give way, and hence are saved from binding. They are carefully and neatly repaired under the direction of the Librarian and the general appearance of the books is improved ; the uniformity of sets is preserved, the original covers, titles, etc., are saved to them, and in these respects the Library gains very much.

RENUMBERING THE BOOKS.

Late in the year the decision was reached to renumber the books according to the relative location plan of Melvil Dewey,

Chief Librarian of Columbia College, and Secretary of the American Library Association. In the former classification and arrangement of the Library, Mr. Dewey's system had been followed pretty closely, so that the renumbering does not disturb the location of books to any appreciable extent. The work of renumbering is now going forward without interfering at all with the circulation and use of the books. When this work is done it is done for all time, and no future addition of galleries and alcoves, or even of buildings will make it necessary to change any of the numbers.

CATALOGUING.

Early in the fall of 1885 the work of preparing a new catalogue was begun in earnest. Those without knowledge on the subject can form no conception of the time and labor involved in preparing a catalogue of a library of 70,000 volumes. Every book has to be not only examined, but carefully examined, and its subject, and perhaps numerous subjects, minutely noted, and in this connection there are often very puzzling questions which require studious consideration. The preparation of a catalogue is, therefore, a work of time and arduous labor. Ten or twelve persons have been employed in the several departments of the work almost constantly throughout the year.

The English prose fiction and juvenile portion, covering some 12,000 volumes, was finished in March. On account of the popular demand for this class of books, this catalogue was separately issued and sold for the convenience of the public, though designed ultimately to be incorporated as a part of the general catalogue.

The German portion, covering some 4,000 books, was similarly issued in December. The manuscript for the remaining portion of the catalogue is in a forward state and I feel confident that the volume will be out before the end of the year. The catalogue is to be what is known as a dictionary cata-

logue—that is, the authors, titles and subjects are promiscuously arranged in alphabetical order. It is to be less full than some of the more elaborate and expensive library catalogues which give tables of contents and analytical notes, but sufficiently so for all purposes of ordinary users of our Library.

For complete information respecting the contents of the Library the reader will be referred to the card catalogue, the preparation of which has gone forward simultaneously with the preparation of the manuscript for the printed catalogue. This is to be as full as it can possibly be made. There are cross-references in all conceivable directions and all known subjects are covered, the effort being to meet every possible inquiry. The card catalogues of the fiction and German departments are arranged for use, and upwards of 40,000 cards have been written for the other departments of the Library, though this is only a small proportion of the whole.

ADDITIONAL GALLERY.

The crowded condition of most of the alcoves warns the Commissioners that the time has arrived for completing the Library according to the plans of the architect by adding the fourth gallery. This will give 20 more alcoves and increase the shelf capacity of the Library upwards of 20,000 volumes.

I believe that the re-arrangement of the books under the new system of numbering will economize room. Then, even should the Library continue to grow, as it necessarily must if it keeps up with the times and the demands of the reading public, its wants in respect to shelf-accommodation would seem to be met for some time to come.

Very respectfully submitted,

H. M. UTLEY, *Librarian.*

APPENDIX.

Following is a list of donors to the Library during the past year, and the number volumes and pamphlets given :

	<i>Vols.</i>	<i>Pamph- lets.</i>
Abbott, S. W., Boston.....	2	...
Adrian College, Adrian.....	...	2
Albany Law School, Albany, N. Y.....	...	17
Amber, J. C., Chicago.....	1	...
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.....	10	...
American College and Education Society, Boston.....	...	13
Angle, C. B., Albany, N. Y.....	1	...
Arrayo, Oscar, Baton Rouge, La.....	1	...
Astor Library, New York.....	...	22
Baker, H. E., Detroit.....	1	...
Baker, W. & Co., Dorchester, Mass.....	1	...
Barbour, Levi L., Detroit.....	1	...
Battell, R., Norfolk, Conn.....	1	...
Benet, S. V., Washington.....	1	...
Black, J. A., Philadelphia.....	1	2
Bloch Publishing Company, Cincinnati.....	...	1
Board of Education, Cincinnati.....	1	...
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.....	5	...
Bowen, Herbert, Detroit.....	11	...
Brearly, W. H., Detroit.....	...	1
British Patent Office, London, Eng.....	20	...
Brooklyn Library, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	...	10
Brown, G. A., Lincoln, Neb.....	...	1
Brown, Robert, Jr., New Haven, Conn.....	...	2
Brudin, C. L., Detroit.....	1	...
Brymner, D., Ottawa, Can.....	1	...
Buffalo Library, Buffalo, N. Y.....	...	4
Bunker Hill Monument Association, Boston.....	3	...
Burke, J. T., Detroit.....	...	1
Burns, C. F. D., New York.....	...	1

	<i>Vols.</i>	<i>Paraph- lets.</i>
Burray, Wm. C., Boston.....	...	2
Burton, F. S., Detroit.....	1	...
Butzel, Magnus, Detroit	1	...
California Military Academy, Oakland, Cal.....	...	1
Campbell, J. M. L., Detroit.....	6	...
Campbell, J. V., Detroit.....	2	...
Canada, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Can.....	1	...
Cannon, Henry W., Washington.....	1	...
Chalmers, P., Wimbledon, Eng.....	...	1
Chaney, Henry, Detroit.....	1	...
Christern, F. W., New York.....	1	...
City Library, Lowell, Mass.....	...	18
City Library, Manchester, N. H.....	...	1
City Library, Springfield, Mass.....	...	6
Clarke, Robert & Co., Cincinnati.....	2	4
Coe, Miss E. M., New York.....	...	5
Cohen, Max., New York.....	...	10
Coleman, W. E., Jefferson City, Mo.....	2	...
Columbia College, New York.....	10	2
Conant, H. A., Lansing.....	29	15
Cornell, L. S., Denver, Col.....	1	...
Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.....	...	3
Davis, J. T., Frankfort, Ky.....	1	...
Davis, R. C., Ann Arbor.....	6	...
Davison, D. J., Detroit.....	11	...
Dement, H. D., Springfield, Ill.....	5	...
DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.....	...	2
Dewey, Melvil, New York.....	...	2
Dodd, Mead & Co., New York.....	...	1
Dudley, W. P., Boston.....	...	2
Durrie, D. S., Madison, Wis.....	5	9
Dust, Wm. T., Detroit	11	...
Eaton, D. B., New York.....	...	11
Eayres, G. N., Rutland, Vt.....	...	11
Eddy, Rev. Z., Atlanta, Ga.....	46	63
Elliott, R. R., Detroit.....	1	...
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.....	11	...
Farmer, Silas, Detroit.....	...	4
Fearing, A. C., Boston.....	4	...

	<i>Vols.</i>	<i>Pamph- lets.</i>
Ferry, A. L., Detroit.....	1	...
Fisk, L. R., Albion.....	...	4
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.....	...	12
Forbes, S. A., Springfield, Ill.....	1	...
Ford, H. A., Detroit.....	2	...
Forsyth, James, Troy, N. Y.,.....	...	1
Franklin Institute, Philadelphia.....	...	5
Friends' Free Library, Germantown, Pa.....	...	3
Frisbie, S. W., Detroit.....	...	5
Fuller, H. P., Worcester, Mass.....	...	8
Garahan, H. J., Brooklyn, N. Y.....	1	...
Gibson, A. M., New York.....	1	...
Green, S. A., Boston.....	13	...
Griswold, W. M., Washington.....	...	3
Hagar, A. D., Chicago.....	...	1
Hale, Horatio, Clinton, Ont.....	...	3
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.....	4	6
Hess, J., Wurtemberg, Germany.....	...	3
Hewlett, George T., New Haven, Conn.....	...	21
Hobbs, J. S., Augusta, Me.....	4	12
Homes, H. A., Albany, N. Y.....	8	...
Hooper, W. D. M., Indianapolis, Ind.....	...	1
Houghton, L. E., East Saginaw.....	...	3
Houghton & Mifflin, Boston.....	...	1
Howard, W. S., New Orleans.....	...	1
Howland, George, Chicago.....	12	...
Hull, J. A. P., Des Moines, Ia.....	10	...
Hunt, George T., New Haven, Conn.....	...	21
Hurlbut, George C., New York.....	12	2
Hutchins, E. R., Des Moines, Ia.....	...	2
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia.....	1	...
Jackson, F. D., Des Moines, Ia.....	14	...
Jamison, J. C., Jefferson City, Mo.....	2	...
Jay, John, New York.....	1	...
Jenkins, E. F., New York.....	1	...
Jones, W. W., Lincoln, Neb.....	...	3
Kellogg, A. J., Detroit.....	1	...
Kimball, J. P., Washington.....	1	1
King, Horatio C., New York.....	...	2
King, J. R., Detroit.....	...	2

	<i>Vols.</i>	<i>Pamph- lets.</i>
Lane, George M., Detroit.....	...	1
Le Baron, I., Richfield Centre.....	...	11
Leeds, Josiah W., Philadelphia, Pa.....	...	1
Lens, Adolph, Cincinnati.....	1	...
Little, G. T., Brunswick, Me.....	1	...
Lord, J. S., Springfield, Ill.....	...	3
McClurg, A. C., Chicago.....	1	...
McCracken, Wm. J., Pittsburgh.....	...	1
McCulloch, Robert, Jefferson City, Mo.....	1	...
McDonnell Bros., Chicago.....	...	1
McFarlane, John, Detroit.....	1	...
McPherson, Wm., Lansing.....	2	...
Marquette College, Milwaukee.....	...	1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.....	...	7
Maxwell, Mrs. S. B., Des Moines, Ia.....	2	6
Maybury, W. C., Detroit.....	1	...
Mercantile Library, Cincinnati.....	...	1
“ “ New York.....	...	5
“ “ Philadelphia.....	...	1
“ “ San Francisco.....	...	3
“ “ St. Louis.....	...	1
Michigan School Furniture Co., Northville.....	1	...
Mills, Charles T., Springfield, Ill.....	8	...
Muller, Frederick, Amsterdam, Holland.....	...	1
National Library, Rio Janeiro, Brazil.....	1	1
New Jerusalem Church, Detroit.....	2	...
Nicholson, J. P., Philadelphia.....	...	11
Niehaus, A., Detroit.....	3	...
Osmun, G. R., Lansing.....	5	...
Peddle, C. R., Terra Haute, Ind.....	...	1
Perez, F. F., City of Mexico, Mex.....	3	3
Perkins, N. C., Detroit.....	4	...
Pierce, H. B., Boston.....	1	...
Pillsbury, Parker, Concord, N. H.....	...	3
Plumb, C. M., New York.....	...	5
Pond, C. V. R., Lansing.....	2	2
Pratt, George C., Jefferson City, Mo.....	2	...
Princeton College, N. J.....	2	1
Public Library, Boston.....	2	9
“ “ Cincinnati.....	1	1

	<i>Vols.</i>	<i>Pamph- lets.</i>
Public Library Cleveland.....	...	4
“ “ Grand Rapids.....	...	1
“ “ Indianapolis.....	...	3
“ “ Milwaukee.....	...	3
“ “ Omaha.....	...	1
“ “ Providence.....	...	3
“ “ St. Louis.....	...	3
“ “ St. Paul.....	...	1
“ “ Swansea, Eng.....	...	7
“ “ Toledo.....	...	1
“ “ Toronto.....	...	3
“ “ Worcester, Mass.....	...	3
Public Works Department, Chicago.....	8	...
Putnam, F. W., Boston.....	2	3
Quaritch, B., London, Eng.....	...	1
Raab, Henry, Springfield, Ill.....	6	4
Reynolds, H. G., Lansing.....	1	3
Rigg, James, London, Eng.....	...	1
Roberts, E. K., Salem, Mass.....	22	...
Russell, C. A., Hartford, Conn.....	4	1
Russell, J. E., Boston.....	6	...
Sabine, J. F., New York.....	...	1
Sanborn, F. B., Salem, Mass.....	1	...
Sanborn, J. W., Columbia, Mo.....	6	...
Schober, Mary, Detroit.....	1	...
Scott, Joseph, Lincoln, Neb.....	3	...
Scripps, James E., Detroit.....	2	...
Shakespeare Society, New York.....	1	...
Shanafeldt, T. M., Three Rivers.....	2	...
Sibley, G. C., Louisville.....	...	1
Sims, Wm., Topeka, Ks.....	...	1
Smead, Isaac D., Toledo.....	2	...
Smith, F. H., Lexington, Va.....	1	...
Smith, J. C., Springfield, Ill.....	3	...
Smithsonian Institution, Washington.....	4	...
Stanton, E. W., Ames, Ia.....	...	2
Steele, George M., Gloucester, Mass.....	...	4
Stocking, Wm., Detroit.....	1	...
Stoil, Julius, Detroit.....	4	...
Storrs, L. C., Lansing.....	...	2

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
Suckert, Wm., Detroit.....	4	...
Swigert, C. P., Springfield, Ill.....	7	...
Tenny, Mrs. H. A. Lansing.....	9	4
Thayer, R. H., Washington.....	...	1
Thompson, T. L., Sacramento, Cal.....	...	1
Tillinghast, C. B., Boston.....	24	...
Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.....	...	16
Union University, Schenectady, N. Y.....	1	...
United States Civil Service Commission, Washington...	1	...
" " Interior Department.....	159	172
" " Labor Bureau.....	4	...
" " Naval Observatory.....	1	...
" " Navy Department.....	21	22
" " Postoffice Department.....	15	14
" " State Department.....	12	24
" " Treasury Department.....	51	12
" " War Department.....	9	33
" " " " 	6 Maps.	...
University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.....	...	1
" Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.....	...	3
" Vermont, Burlington, Vt.....	...	1
Utley, H. M., Detroit.....	12	...
Walker, C. I., Detroit.....	15	...
Wallich, John, Lincoln, Neb.....	2	...
Walsh, J. A., Detroit.....	33	...
Wellesley, College, Wellesley, Mass.....	...	11
Wells' College, Aurora, N. Y.....	...	12
West Point Military Academy, West Point.....	...	11
Western Reserve University, Cleveland.....	...	7
Whitefield, M. W., Durham, Eng.....	...	1
Whiteman, J. A., New York.....	1	...
Winsor, Justin, Cambridge, Mass.....	1	...
Winthrop, Jr., R. C., Boston.....	...	2
Woodhead, J. E., Chicago.....	1	...
Woodruff, G. M., Hartford, Conn.....	10	...
Wright, Charles, Detroit.....	1	...
Wright, C. D., Boston.....	4	...
Wright, W. H. R., Plymouth, Eng.....	...	1
Young Men's Association, Albany, N. Y.....	...	1

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Board of Education of the City of Detroit :—

In the absence of the president, on account of illness, the duty devolves upon me of making the report of the Library Commission for the past year.

As I only became a member of the Commission at the beginning of the present year, and took no part in the transactions covered by the report, it can be but a formal one, submitting the reports of the secretary and librarian.

These are full and explicit, and give all needed information as to the condition of the library and its many and indispensable benefits to the public.

RICHARD STORRS WILLIS,
Vice-President.

DETROIT, February 2, 1888.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To the Commissioners of the Detroit Public Library:—

In accordance with established usage, I submit a statement of the receipts and disbursements on account of the Library Fund for the year 1887:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1887	\$16,140.93
City Taxes of 1887.....	\$26,689.71
“ “ previous year	241.06
	<hr/> \$26,930.77
County Treas., fines and penalties.....	5,881.81
A. Ives, Treas., interest on account	605.94
Library fines.....	587.19
Sales of Catalogs	98.75
Sales of duplicate Books	107.88
Lost Books paid for.....	28.60
Miscellaneous sources.....	6.98
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Total receipts.....	\$50,388.85

DISBURSEMENTS.

For books and pamphlets.....	\$10,563.13
“ periodical subscriptions.	926.87
“ binding and repair of books.....	3,119.13
“ salaries of librarian and assistants.....	12,339.02
“ “ fireman and janitors.....	1,793.86
“ light	1,605.94
“ fuel	952.50
“ repairs.....	183.88
“ Supplies.....	385.17
“ blanks and stationery.....	447.91
“ postage.....	135.65
“ printing catalog and bulletins.....	927.79

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For book cases and fixtures.....	842.74
" express and freight.....	174.56
" miscellancous expenses.....	242.00
" insurance.....	341.65
" new gallery.....	5,847.15
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Total disbursements.....	\$40,828.95
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1887.....	9,559.90

HERBERT BOWEN, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Commissioners of the Public Library :—

It is with much gratification that I call attention to the statistics of the year 1887, herein set forth. They show that the library is making substantial progress, not only in the addition of books to its already creditable collection, but in extending the circle of its influence and increasing its usefulness. At no previous time in its history has it had so large a number of friends and patrons, found in all ranks of society, from the humblest to the most favored.

It is the people's library. Its literary treasures are free, to be used and enjoyed by those to whom such things must otherwise have been denied.

There is, at this time, great activity in public library affairs, both in England and in this country. Not only cities, but numerous smaller communities, are building up libraries, supported by local taxation and administered for the benefit of all the residents of the municipality which supports them. These libraries are among the most potent factors in popular education.

The president of the American Library Association said in his address at the last general meeting :

“Public collections of books for the benefit of scholars are not new. They are as old as civilization. They flourished in Egypt in the time of Ramses II, in Athens at the time of Pericles, in Rome at the time of the Cæsars, and all through the middle ages. Every country in Europe has its national library, and many a continental city has its old municipal library of musty books, which the masses

of the people never care to read. The universities have their collections and some of them are excellent. The public library is not a substitute for, and will never supplant, these and other collections which are needed for the use of scholars. Its mission is among the people at large, to inspire a taste for reading, to raise the general standard of intelligence, to stimulate literary, historical and scientific research; and when its own resources are exhausted, to send inquirers to larger collections, if any such be accessible. In some of our cities the public library, besides providing for the wants of the masses, already outranks every other library of the vicinity in books of a higher grade, and has become the home of the scholar. The more we have of large collections of books, whether they be in circulating or reference libraries, the better it will be for the country."

The Detroit Public Library already ranks high among the public libraries of the United States, being exceeded in number of volumes by Boston, Cincinnati and Chicago, alone. There are fourteen other libraries in the country having a larger number of books, but they are not of the class known as public libraries—that is supported at the public expense and free to every resident of the city. I think this library will take equal rank, also, in the character of its books and in the character and intelligence of its patrons.

USE OF THE LIBRARY.

The registration and re-registration of users of the library during the year is shown by the following:

Whole number valid cards outstanding.....	12,858
Number readers registered in 1887.....	3,429
" who re-registered in 1887.....	474
" new readers registered in 1887.....	2,975
" " " " 1886.....	3,153
" " " " 1885.....	2,261
" " " " 1884.....	1,346

The library was open during the year 309 days for the circulation of books, and 364 days for reading and consultation of books

in the building. The number of books consulted in the building was 22,245 against 19,669 in the last preceeding year. The number of books drawn out for home use was 181,921, against 147,616 in the preceeding year.

Number of books drawn out for home reading.....	181 921
" " consulted in Library.....	22 245
Total use of books in 1887.....	204 166
" " " 1886.....	167 285
Increase in 1887.....	36 881
Total use of books in 1887.....	204 166
" " periodicals in 1887.....	87 267
Total use of Library in 1887.....	291 433
" " " 1886.....	227 886
Increase in 1887.....	63 547

The following statement, covering only books drawn out for home reading, shows the relative proportion of books drawn in the several classes named. If the books consulted in the building were included, the proportions would be changed, because these are mainly general literature, history and sociology, and not any fiction. But the custom of other libraries is followed in making these statistics exclusively for books circulated :

Arts, fine and useful.....	2.32	per cent
Literature, poetry, drama, etc.....	3.80	"
Science .....	.91	"
Religion and philosophy.....	.93	"
Sociology, politics, law, education. etc.....	.78	"
History, biography, travel.....	6.68	"
Fiction.....	65.32	"
Juveniles.....	14.92	"
German.....	3.86	"
French and other continental languages .....	.48	"

It is proper to say in this connection that many books are strictly classified as fiction, which, to the reader inexperienced in library classification, would not be so considered. Therefore, it would be unjust to infer that the main item in the foregoing statement is made up altogether of novels.

GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY.

The following shows the accessions of books during the year and the condition at its close :

Number of books January 1, 1887, (by actual count).....	70,550
Added by purchase	9,863
" gift.....	1,911
" exchange.....	306
	12,080
Total.....	82,630
Sold and exchanged.....	1,382
Condemned.....	1,052
Lost and paid for.....	29
	2,463
Number books December 31, 1887.....	80,167

The following shows the accessions during the year in the several classes named, and the number of books in the Library at the close of the year :

	Accessions in 1887.	Total in Libr'y
Bibliography, Cyclopædias, Dictionaries.....	113	1,371
Bound Periodicals (general) and Newspapers.....	2,354	6,177
Philosophy, Mental and Moral.....	123	900
Religion	559	5,495
Political Science.. ..	88	895
Political Economy.....	24	486
Administration, Federal and Local Pub. Docs.....	1,564	6,255
Law	52	629
Education.....	62	900
Sociology.....	601	1,871
Philology.....	53	370
Natural Sciences... ..	581	4,393
Medicine.....	357	1,332
Agriculture.....	76	788
Domestic Economy.....	8	144
Useful Arts.....	188	1,712
Fine Arts.....	167	1,250
English Literature (inc. Translations).....	247	3,427
English Poetry and Drama (inc. Translations).....	272	3,060
Biography	452	5,227
Geography, Travel and Description.....	852	5,380
History.....	850	7,769
Prose Fiction (including Juvenile).....	1,552	1,2731
Amusements.....	21	245
Books in German.....	46	3,584

Books in French.....	718	2,834
Books in Greek.....	14	120
Books in Latin.....	55	543
Books in Italian and Spanish.....	27	145
Books in Minor Languages.....	4	134

Total..... 12,080 80,167

Of the duplicate books in the library sold or exchanged during the year, 1094 were public documents sent to Washington, in pursuance of an arrangement by which the Superintendent of documents is undertaking to supply deficiencies in sets in libraries, on condition that duplicate volumes are sent to him. The remaining 202 volumes were exchanged with other libraries and individuals for which 155 volumes were received in return. In June a priced catalogue of 912 volumes of duplicates was printed and sent to various libraries and others likely to be interested. From this list 219 volumes were sold or exchanged, leaving 693 undisposed of. The sales brought \$107.88 cash into the treasury, though all the duplicates sold were not included in the above mentioned catalogue.

The list of donors to the library numbers 258 and will be found in an appendix to this report. The most notable gifts were those made by Dr. James F. Noyes of this city, of a large number of medical books and pamphlets, and of a considerable number of public documents from the libraries of the late John S. Newberry and Robert McClelland. John N. Bagley gave us 30 volumes of public documents, Alfred Chesebrough 13 volumes of miscellaneous books; John C. Brown, of Haddington, Eng., gave us a complete set of his valuable works on Forestry, comprising 15 volumes. S. A. Green, of Boston, was, as usual, a liberal contributor. Mount Holyoke Seminary gave us a complete set of their catalogues and a history of the institution. Charles Caverly, of Boston, gave us a complete set of the Universalist Register, going back 56 years. This set could not have been bought. Dowager Lady Vernon, of England, gave a set of the superb edition of Dante in four magnificent folio volumes, edited by the late Lord Vernon, on condition that the library pay the trifling

cost of the press-work upon a few of the then unprinted plates. In shipping it to us the set was valued by our agent in London for customs purposes at \$50. Many of the gifts were exceedingly valuable, not alone intrinsically, but because they could not have been got through the channels of trade.

BINDING AND REPAIR OF BOOKS.

The bills for binding have been unusually large during the past year, owing to the very large accessions of volumes of periodicals, many of which were bought in numbers. Special attention has been paid to the repairing of books, all of which work has been done in the building. The library has not for many years been in so good shape as at present in respect to the condition of the books. The expense of operating the library bindery during the year was \$896.15, of which \$828.36 was for labor and \$67.79 for material. The following shows the work turned out:

Number books rebound.....	871
“ “ reseed and recased	778
“ “ rebacked	184
“ “ repaired.....	1 941
Total books handled.....	3 774

Beside these there were made 57 large pamphlet cases and 39 bulletin covers,

All the binding of new books and nearly all the rebinding of old books was done under contract by The Richmond & Backus Co., Cliff & Higgins and Winn & Hammond. The total cost of this contract work was \$2,222.98, for which sum there were 3,814 books bound and 761 books relettered. The average cost of the binding was about 57 cents per volume. A large number of the periodicals were bound in morocco at about 75 cents per volume. English buckram has been largely employed on books subjected to the hardest usage and gives good satisfaction. Binding with this material costs about 40 cents a volume. The material is imported expressly for us and costs about 50 cents a yard by the piece.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

Upwards of 3,000 bound volumes of periodicals of the various classes, mainly general, have been added to the library within the year. Good progress had been made in the previous year in the same direction, so that now the library is better equipped in respect to periodical literature than most libraries of the same grade. Beside securing many periodicals of a special class, such as science, medicine, philosophy, religion, etc., an effort has been made to get nearly everything covered by Poole's Index. So much has been already accomplished that there seems to be good ground to hope that the desired end may soon be gained.

RELATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Continued efforts have been made to establish closer relations with the public schools. Various plans have been suggested and discussed, but nothing can be accomplished practically without the co-operation of the school authorities, and it is especially necessary that there should be lively and earnest interest on the part of teachers. Recently, on recommendation of teachers in the High School, some 200 volumes were bought, comprising three to a dozen copies of standard works in history, literature and science. These have been put into the hands of the teachers, in the way that best suits their convenience. They express great enthusiasm over the prospect of accomplishing better results than ever before, through the increased facilities thus afforded them. If it shall appear that these books are doing the service expected, additional ones and additional copies will be procured, as wanted. The library continues to be used as it has been in the regular way, by high school pupils and Detroit College pupils who have cards in their own names, and who are given by their teachers special topics to study and write upon.

SUNDAY READING.

In spite of misgivings in some quarters, the library was opened

in March, 1886, for Sunday afternoon and evening reading. The library is closed for circulation of books, but all the other departments are open. After nearly two years experience with the Sunday opening I can commend it most heartily. It is pleasant indeed to look into the reading-room on Sunday afternoon or evening and see it filled with people, sometimes a clergyman or two among them, quietly perusing magazine or book. It is also a pleasant thing for those who have no such cosy quarters in which to read, or no such ample list from which to select their reading matter, to come to the library for an hour or two on Sunday.

The whole number of Sunday readers during the year was 5,216, an average of a trifle over 100 for each Sunday, the general average for week days being upwards of 171. The largest Sunday attendance was in October, average 147; the smallest was in July, average 48.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Since August the main library room has been lighted by the Edison Illuminating Co. This has been regarded in the nature of an experiment, both as to the character of the light and the expense. The cost of wiring the building (\$400), was assumed by the Commission. The expense of the light thus far has not varied much from that of gas in the corresponding months of the preceeding year. I think the light is generally more satisfactory than gas, especially on account of the ease with which the lamps are lighted and can be carried about, being supported with flexible cord. It is certainly preferable to gas in the matter of smoke and soot. Neither does it vitiate the atmosphere nor increase the temperature.

NEW GALLERY.

During the year the fourth gallery has been put in, completing the interior of the building according to the plans of the designer. This gallery affords an increase of about 1,500 shelves to the capacity of the library. It has just been finished, and at the

date of this report no books have been put on the shelves. A re-arrangement of the books in the upper galleries will be next in order and it will be found necessary to move some books from lower galleries to higher. The aim will be to keep the books most in demand nearest the surface of the earth, to save the arduous labor of climbing stairs. Yet as the library grows the books must be placed in more remote cases. Happily no more galleries can be added, and whatever shape future enlargement of book storage facilities may take, they can be lifted no nearer the empyrean.

HENRY M. UTLEY,

December 31, 1887.

Librarian.

APPENDIX A.

SUMMARY

OF STATISTICS OF THE

ANNUAL GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY AND USE OF THE
BOOKS, FROM THE BEGINNING.

<i>Year.</i>	<i>No. Volumes at end of year.</i>	<i>Library Read'g during year.</i>	<i>Home Read'y during year.</i>	<i>Total use during year.</i>
1865	8 864	.....	.....	4 700
1866	10 509	.....	.....	15 000
1867	15 020	.....	.....	30 000
1868	15 620	.....	.....	35 000
1869	17 586	.....	.....	40 000
1870	18 717	.....	.....	40 000
1871	21 161	7 200	45 600	52 800
1872	22 115	9 200	98 000	107 200
1873	22 882	10 100	115 000	125 100
1874	24 176	10 200	145 000	155 200
1875	24 903	11 000	148 000	159 000
1876	33 604	11 500	148 000	159 500
1877	37 703	12 000	150 000	162 000
1878	39 045	15 000	184 200	199 200
1879	40 358	15 000	185 500	200 500
1880	40 496	12 000	113 585	125 585
1881	42 413	12 000	116 932	128 932
1882	50 605	10 432	102 610	113 042
1883	53 621	13 314	114 960	128 274
1884	56 668	11 722	126 376	138 098
1885	59 653	15 481	134 068	149 549
1886	70 550	19 669	147 616	167 285
1887	80 167	22 245	181 921	204 166

NOTE—Prior to 1880 the statistics of the use of the library were estimated. The figures are given above as they were reported from year to year, but the accurate record which has since been kept makes evident the fact that the estimates were not very close.

APPENDIX B.

Following is a list of donors to the Library during the year
and the number of bound volumes and pamphlets given by each:

	<i>Vol.</i>	<i>PampA.</i>
Agricultural College, Lansing.....	...	3
Albion College, Albion.....	...	3
Allen, Chas. E., Burlington, Vt.....	...	16
Allen, E. B., Topeka, Ks.....	1	...
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.....	26	47
American Bar Association, Baltimore, Md.....	8	1
American Geographical Society, New York.....	1	13
American Philological Association, Boston.....	...	1
Ames, J. G., Washington, D. C.....	...	1
Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.....	...	2
Apprentices' Library, Philadelphia.....	...	28
Bagley, J. N. Detroit.....	30	...
Baker, H. B., Lansing.....	1	...
Barbour, L. L., Detroit.....	1	...
Bartlett, J. W., Detroit.....	2	...
Bartlett, S. P., Quincy, Ill.....	...	2
Battell, R., Norfolk, Conn.....	1	...
Benet, S. V., Washington, D. C.....	1	...
Billings, J. S., Washington, D. C.....	3	...
Birchard Library, Fremont, O.....	1	...
Bishop, Jas., Trenton, N. J.....	10	...
Blanchard, C. A., Wheaton, Ills.....	...	1
Board of Trade, Omaha, Neb.....	...	1
Bobrick, C. A., Boston.....	...	1
Bolles, A. S., Harrisburg, Pa.....	1	...
Bowen, Herbert, Detroit.....	19	11
Brackett, G. C., Lawrence, Ks.....	2	...
British Patent Office, London.....	1	...
Brooklyn Library, Brooklyn.....	...	2
Brown, J. C., Haddington, Eng.....	15	...
Brown, Robt., New Haven, Conn.....	...	5
Bryant, H. W., Portland, Me.....	1	12
Brymner, D., Ottawa, Can.....	1	...
Buffalo Library, Buffalo.....	1	...
Buell, Caroline B., Chicago.....	1	...

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	Vol.	Pamp.
Butler, A. P., Columbia, S. C.....	3	15
Canada, Fisheries Department, Ottawa.....	5	...
Canada, Interior Department, Ottawa.....	2	4
Caverly, Chas., Boston.....	...	56
Chamber of Commerce, Cincinnati.....	1	...
Chamber of Commerce, St. Paul.....	...	1
Chesebrough, A., Detroit.....	13	...
Chipman, J. L., Detroit.....	7	...
City Library, Manchester, N. H.....	...	1
City Library, Newburgh, N. Y.....	...	1
City Library, Springfield, Mass.....	...	1
Clark, Mrs. E. C., Brighton.....	1	...
Clark, F. E., Detroit.....	1	...
Cobden Club, London.....	...	2
Coe, F. E., Denver, Col.....	...	1
Columbia College, New York.....	1	2
Cooke, W. W., Burlington, Vt.....	1	...
Cooley, T. M., Ann Arbor.....	...	1
Coppens, Rev. Chas., Detroit.....	2	...
Counce, B. W., Augusta, Me.....	...	1
Cox, James, Grand Rapids.....	...	2
Crafts, Wm. A., Boston.....	11	...
Curry, S. S., Boston.....	...	3
Darden, S. H., Austin, Tex.....	...	1
Darling, C. W. Utica, N. Y.....	...	3
Detroit College, Detroit.....	...	1
Dewey, Melvil, New York.....	...	2
Duffield, S. P. Detroit.....	...	1
Dunn, C. H., St. Joseph, Mo.....	...	1
Dunning, N. S. Detroit.....	1	...
Durrie, D. S., Madison, Wis.....	1	...
Dust, W. T. Detroit.....	39	...
Edwards, Richard, Springfield, Ill.....	1	...
Elliott, R. R., Detroit.....	...	1
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.....	...	5
Evening News, Buffalo.....	1	...
Fassett, A. D., Columbus, O.....	1	...
Fee, S., Wamego, Ks.....	...	1
Field, R., Easton, Pa.....	...	1
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.....	...	1
Flourney, H. W., Richmond, Va.....	1	1
Ford, H. A., Detroit.....	2	...
Frieden, Rev. J. P., Detroit.....	1	...
Friends Free Library, Germantown, Pa.....	...	1
Gagnon, C. A. E., Quebec.....	7	...

	<i>Vol.</i>	<i>Pamp.</i>
Giles, P., Syracuse, N. Y.....	...	1
Gildehaus, Chas., St. Louis.....	...	1
Gilmore, L. B. Detroit.....	8	1
Grant, Nils, Detroit	1	...
Gray, David, Buffalo .....	...	2
Green, Seth, Rochester, N. Y.....	...	11
Green, S. A. Boston	3	109
Green, S. S., Worcester, Mass.....	...	1
Griswold, W. M., Washington, D. C.....	...	1
Hall, T. P., Detroit	1	...
Harden, Wm., Savannah, Ga.....	...	1
Hartford Library, Hartford, Conn.....	...	27
Harvard University, Cambridge.....	1	6
Haverford College, Philadelphia .....	...	36
Henderson, J. T., Atlanta, Ga.....	1	1
Heron, Alex., Indianapolis.....	1	...
Hickox, J. H., Washington, D. C .....	...	12
Hinchman, T. H., Detroit.....	1	...
Hostford, F. H., Detroit .....	...	3
Howard, G. E., Lincoln, Neb.	1	...
Hubbard, Bela, Detroit.....	1	...
Hudson, W. M., Hartford, Conn.....	...	8
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia .....	...	1
Irelan, Wm., Jr., San Francisco	1	...
Jackson, F. D., Des Moines	5	...
Jenkins, E. F., New York .....	...	1
Johnson, T. H., Toronto .....	...	2
Johnson, W. A., Chicago .....	...	1
Kalish, Samuel, Newark, N. J.....	1	...
King, J. S., Minneapolis.....	...	1
Kinsman, Jno., Plymouth, Eng.....	...	1
Kotchitzky, O., Springfield, Mo.....	1	...
Ladue, W. N. Salem, Ore.....	36	...
Lane, G. M., Detroit.....	...	1
Leue, A., Columbus, O.....	1	...
Little, G. T., Brunswick, Me.....	...	2
Lord, J. S., Springfield, Ill.....	1	...
McClelland, R., estate of, Detroit.....	634	...
McDonald, M., Richmond, Va.....	...	2
McElroy, J. F. Lansing .....	...	1
Manufacturing Record Co., Baltimore	1	...
Massachusetts, Commonwealth of.....	53	26
Masachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston .....	...	3
Maverick National Bank, Boston.....	1	...
Mendenhall, T. C., Terre Haute.....	...	6

	<i>Vol.</i>	<i>Pamp.</i>
Mercantile Library, New York.....	...	2
“ “ Philadelphia.....	...	1
“ “ San Francisco.....	...	1
“ “ St. Louis.....	...	1
Mills, C. F., Springfield, Ill.....	7	...
Moore, Enoch, Wilmington, Del.....	...	4
Mount Holyoke Seminary, So. Hadley, Mass.....	2	46
Mowat, Thos., New Westminster, B. C.....	...	1
Munn & Co., New York.....	1	...
Murray, David, Albany.....	4	...
National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D. C.....	2	3
National Electric Light Ass'n, Baltimore.....	1	...
Nattinger, G. M., Omaha.....	...	1
Newberry, Mrs. J. S., Detroit.....	412	...
New Haven Colony Hist. Society.....	...	1
New York Observer, N. Y.....	1	...
Noyes, Dr. J. F., Detroit.....	210	998
Osmun, G. R., Lansing.....	10	...
Palmer, T. W., Detroit.....	9	2
Parsons, Philo, Detroit.....	9	...
Peele, W. A. Jr., Indianapolis.....	4	...
Perkins, J. J., Santa Barbara, Cal.....	...	1
Perkins, N. C., Detroit.....	...	6
Peters, A. M., Boston.....	3	...
Pierce, Jno, Denver, Col.....	...	2
Pond, C. V. R., Lansing.....	1	...
Poor, H. V., New York.....	6	...
Post, J. A., Detroit.....	...	7
Powell, W. L. Harrisburg, Pa.....	1	1
Public Library, Boston.....	...	3
“ “ Chicago.....	...	1
“ “ Cincinnati.....	2	1
“ “ Cleveland.....	...	1
“ “ Dayton, O.....	5	1
“ “ Grand Rapids.....	...	2
“ “ Great Yarmouth, Eng.....	...	1
“ “ Kansas City.....	...	3
“ “ Lawrence, Mass.....	...	1
“ “ Lynn, Mass.....	...	17
“ “ Manchester, Eng.....	3	6
“ “ Milwaukee.....	1	...
“ “ New Haven, Conn.....	1	1
“ “ Omaha.....	...	1
“ “ Pawtucket, R. I.....	...	1
“ “ Plymouth, Eng.....	...	7

	Vol.	Pamp.
Public Library Providence, R. I.....	...	2
“ “ St. Louis.....	...	2
“ “ St. Paul.....	...	2
“ “ Stockton, Cal.....	...	2
“ “ Swansea, Wales.....	...	1
“ “ Taunton, Mass.....	2	18
“ “ Toledo.....	1	1
“ “ Toronto.....	...	1
“ “ Utica, N. Y.....	...	1
“ “ Worcester, Mass.....	...	1
Putnam, F. W., Salem, Mass.....	1	2
Quincy, Edmund, Jr., Boston.....	1	...
Redding, J. D., San Francisco.....	2	...
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy.....	...	1
Richardson, Mrs. D. M., Detroit.....	1	...
Rogers, W. H., Halifax.....	1	...
Romero, Matias, Washington, D. C.....	1	...
Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute.....	...	1
Rosenau, N. S., Buffalo.....	...	7
Sage Library, West Bay City.....	1	...
Sawyer Free Library, Gloucester, Mass.....	2	...
Schmitt diel, J. S., Detroit.....	1	...
Scripps, J. E., Detroit.....	1	...
Semi-Centennial Commission, Mich.....	1	...
Sims, Joseph, New York.....	1	...
Sims, Wm., Topeka.....	1	2
Sinks, P. W., Detroit.....	...	1
Smith, O., Augusta, Me.....	...	1
Smithsonian Institution, Washington.....	6	...
Stebbins, G. B., Detroit.....	1	...
Steedman, J. H., St. Louis.....	...	1
Stevens, B. F., London.....	...	14
Stewart, T. J., Harrisburg.....	1	...
Storrs, L. C., Lansing.....	1	1
Sutro, Theo., New York.....	1	...
Swett, C. E., Boston.....	...	54
Swift, G. P., Chicago.....	1	...
Tache, E. E., Quebec.....	...	10
Taylor, W. S., Erie, Mich.....	...	15
Tenney, Mrs. H. A., Lansing.....	1	1
Tillinghast, C. B., Boston.....	1	...
“Times,” Philadelphia.....	...	2
Tindall, Wm., Washington, D. C.....	2	...
Townshend, S., Washington, D. C.....	1	...
U. S. Bureau of Education.....	3	1

	<i>Vol.</i>	<i>Pamp.</i>
U. S. Civil Service Commission .....	...	3
“ Department of Agriculture	4	95
“ “ Interior.....	22	49
“ “ Justice.....	5	...
“ “ Navy	25	15
“ “ Postoffice.....	1	...
“ “ State	1	19
“ “ Treasury.....	23	119
“ “ War.....	16	74
“ Fish Commission.....	11	4
“ Inter-State Commerce Commission.....	...	1
“ Labor Bureau.....	2	...
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“ Patent Office.....	6	5
“ “ Library	1	...
“ Public Documents.....	18	...
“ Signal Service.....	5	3
“ Supervising Inspector Steam Vessels.....	7	9
University of California.....	...	3
“ Michigan .....	...	1
“ Minnesota .....	...	8
“ Missouri.....	...	1
“ Pennsylvania .....	...	1
Utley, A. A., Phenix, Ariz.....	...	1
Valentine, C. L., Madison, Wis.....	...	3
Vance, J. W., Springfield, Ill.....	8	...
Ward, F. M., Trenton, N. J.....	...	1
Warner Observatory, Rochester, N. Y.....	...	1
Watson, I. A., Concord N. H.....	1	...
Wharton, Francis, Washington, D. C	3	...
White, C. S., Charleston, W. Va.....	...	1
Whitmore, W. H., Boston	18	...
Wilby, J. H., Detroit.....	1	...
Winslow, Francis, Raleigh, N. C .....	...	1
Winsor, Justin, Cambridge, Mass.....	...	10
Winthrop, R. C., Jr., Boston.....	...	2
Wisconsin Historical Society.....	...	1
Woodhead, J. C., Chicago.....	1	...
Wright, A. O., Madison, Wis.....	12	...
Wright, Stephen M., New York.....	...	1
Yale University, New Haven	1	9
Ziegler, Rev. Paul, Detroit.....	...	3
Zielinski, J. De, Detroit.....	1	...
TOTAL.....	1911	2244

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Boston Herald.
Buffalo Courier.
Chicago Times.
" Tribune.
Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.
" Enquirer.
Cleveland Leader.
Detroit Free Press.
" Tribune.
" Evening News.
" Evening Journal.
" Abend-Post.
Louisville Courier-Journal.
Milwaukee Sentinel.

New Orleans Times.
New York Commercial Bulletin.
" Herald.
" Sun.
" Times.
" Tribune.
" World.
Philadelphia Times.
San Francisco Bulletin.
St. Louis Republican.
St. Paul Pioneer-Press.
Toronto Globe.
" Mail.
Washington Republican.

WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS.

Cheboygan Tribune.
Courier des Etats Unis. (Dimanche.)
Familien-Blatter. (Detroit.)
Independence Belge.
Le Figaro.

London Times.
Marthas Vineyard Herald.
New York Evening Post (semi-weekly)
Plaindealer (Detroit)
Sonntags-Herold.

ART, ILLUSTRATED AND HUMOROUS JOURNALS.

American Art.
Art Amateur.
Art Journal.
Die Gartenlaube.
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper.
Harper's Bazaar.
" Weekly.
Illustrated London News.
Judge.

Life (N.Y.)
London Graphic.
Magazine of Art.
New York Graphic.
Paris Illustr.
Portfolio (Hamerton's)
Puck.
Punch.
Ueber Land und Meer.

RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNALS.

American Catholic Quarterly.
 American Journal of Psychology.
 Andover Review.
 Baptist Quarterly Review.
 Boston Pilot.
 Catholic World.
 Christian Register.
 Christian Union.
 Churchman.
 Church Quarterly Review.
 Church Review.
 Dublin Review,

Gospel in all Lands.
 Journal of Christian Philosophy.
 Journal of Speculative Philosophy.
 Manifesto.
 Methodist Review.
 New York Christian Advocate.
 " Examiner.
 " Observer.
 Religio-Philosophical Journal.
 The Path.
 Unitarian Review.
 Universalist Quarterly.

BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS.

Advance (Detroit.)
 American Antiquarian.
 American Architect.
 American Engineer.
 American Journal of Philology.
 American Journal of Science.
 American Machinist.
 American Meteorological Journal.
 American Naturalist.
 Army and Navy Journal.
 Bankers' Magazine [London]
 Bankers' Magazine [N. Y.]
 Bookmart.
 Builder and Woodworker.
 Carpentry and Building.
 Chamber of Commerce Journal.
 Chemical News.
 Civil Service Record.
 Decorator and Furnisher.
 Dental Cosmos.
 Dramatic News.
 Education.
 Electrician.
 Electrical Review [London]
 Engineering.
 English Mechanic.
 Fire and Water.
 Forest and Stream.
 Hall's Journal of Health.
 Indicator [Detroit]
 Industrial World.
 International Record of Charities.
 Iron Age.

Journal of Education.
 Journal of Franklin Institute.
 Lancet [London]
 Laws of Life.
 Michigan Farmer.
 Microscope [Detroit]
 Million.
 Mining Record.
 Musical World.
 Nature.
 Painters' Magazine.
 Pharmaceutical Era [Detroit]
 Pharmaceutical Journal.
 Phonographic Monthly.
 Photographic Times.
 Political Science.
 Popular Gardening.
 Popular Science Monthly.
 Postal Bulletin [Daily]
 Postal Guide.
 Poultry World.
 Publishers' Weekly.
 Quaker City Philatelist.
 Quarterly Journal of Economics.
 Railroad Engineering [Van Nostrand's]
 Railroad Gazette.
 Science.
 Scientific American.
 Scientific American Supplement.
 Spirit of the Times
 Student Statesman.
 Traveler's Record.

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 American Journal of Archaeology.
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 Argosy.
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 Blackwood's Magazine.
 Century.
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 Cornhill Magazine.
 Critic.
 Deutsche Rundschau.
 Dial.
 Eclectic Magazine.
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 Gentleman's Magazine
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 Harper's Monthly.
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 Harvard Monthly.
 Irish Monthly.
 Library Journal.
 Library Notes.
 Leisure Hour.
 Lippincott's Magazine.
 Literary News.
 Literary World.
 Littell's Living Age.
 London Quarterly.
 London Society.
 Longman's Magazine.

MacMillan's Magazine.
 Magazine of American History.
 Magazine of Western History.
 Memorah.
 Mind
 Modern Review.
 Month.
 Murray's Magazine.
 Nation.
 Narragansett Hist. Register.
 National Review.
 New England Magazine.
 New Englander and Yale Review.
 N. E. Historical and Gen. Register.
 Nineteenth Century.
 North American Review.
 Ohio Archæolog. and Hist. Quarterly.
 Outing.
 Overland Monthly.
 Pennsylvania Magazine.
 Princeton Review.
 Quarterly Review.
 Reliquary.
 Revue des deux Mondes.
 St. Nicholas.
 Saturday Review.
 Scottish Review.
 Scribner's Magazine.
 Shakespeariana.
 Southern Bivouac.
 Sunday Magazine.
 Temple Bar.
 To-day.
 U. S. Catholic Hist. Magazine.
 Westminster Review.
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 Youth's Companion.

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<i>Janitor's Assistants</i> —	ANNIE McDERMOTT, MARY RYAN.
<i>Binding Department</i> —	CHAS. L. BRUDIN, KITTIE GARLAND.

*Elected Jan. 1889, to succeed Jas. V. Campbell, resigned.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Board of Education of the City of Detroit:

The reports of the Secretary and Librarian hereto attached give all necessary information respecting the condition of the library and its operations during the past year.

There were no extraordinary expenses during the year, except for finishing the fourth gallery and fitting it up with book cases. This gallery affords much-needed relief for the previously overcrowded shelves in the other portions of the building. Already a large part of this new section is occupied with books.

The Secretary's report shows a balance in the treasury considerably larger than that of a year ago. The expenditures have been economized in anticipation of a large outlay for printing a general catalogue. The lack of such a catalogue has long been one of the greatest obstacles in the way of public knowledge of what there really is upon our shelves, and without such knowledge the use of the books is hampered and restricted. A well arranged catalogue is a key which unlocks the resources of the library and renders them available. Such a catalogue, which has been prepared at great expense of time and labor, is now about ready for printing.

The Librarian's report gives the details of the growth and use of the library. The statistics show that never before were

there so many persons availing themselves of the privileges which it affords, and that in no previous year was it so extensively used. There was an aggregate use of nearly three times the whole number of books; and while the use was mainly in one or two of the more popular classes, yet the fact is that the call for books for investigation by students and others making researches on special topics was very much greater than ever before. The demands upon the library in this respect are constantly growing; so if it would keep abreast of the times and meet this demand, more money must be spent every year in buying the best class of books. As the reputation of the library extends it is attracting to our city men and women who come here to make use of the advantages which such an institution affords. While it is our duty as custodians of a free public library to consider first the wants of the great mass of the people for popular reading, it should also be our aim to promote advanced study and research and to cultivate and elevate the public taste.

It is a matter for congratulation that ways and means are being devised to promote a closer intimacy between the library and the public schools. Great expectations are based on the success of the scheme, which it is hoped no untoward event may delay. This movement is not merely local but extends through all the cities which have public libraries similar to ours.

This Board sincerely regrets the resignation of Judge Campbell, who has since the organization of the Commission in 1881 been its president. We appreciate the fact that the increasing burden of his duties in connection with the Supreme Bench led him to feel that he was neglecting a conscientious discharge of his duties in relation to the library. Yet there is no hesitancy

in saying that not only ourselves but the public would look with entire equanimity upon any apparent indifference, if only he had continued to give such counsel and time as he could afford to duties so consonant with his learning, tastes, and the habits of a lifetime. His services to the library during the eight years of his connection with the Board have been invaluable, and for which, since there is no other fee or reward, he is entitled to the thanks of the community.

This Board has been asked by a Common Council committee on revision of the city charter if it would suggest any legislation affecting the library. The present law has been in existence many years, and has proved entirely satisfactory. Under it the library has grown in size, usefulness and popularity, and all its affairs have worked smoothly. No legislation is needed and none should be thought of.

GEO. S. HOSMER,
President.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To the Commissioners of the Detroit Public Library:

In compliance with the rule of the Board, I submit a report of the receipts and disbursements on account of the Library Fund for the year 1888:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1888	\$ 9,559 90
City taxes of 1888	\$26,294 13
“ “ previous years.....	43 37
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County Treas., fines and penalties.....	26,343 50
A. Ives, Treas., interest on account.....	8,796 26
Library fines	427 14
Sales of Catalogues.....	612 15
Sales of duplicate books.....	66 75
Lost books paid for.....	110 63
Miscellaneous sources.....	19 74
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Total receipts.....	\$45,967 67

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for books and pamphlets.....	\$ 6,749 03
“ “ periodical subscriptions.....	1,138 79
“ “ binding and repair of books.....	2,995 43
“ “ salaries of library staff.....	12,060 55
“ “ janitor service.....	1,920 20
“ “ light.....	1,620 34
“ “ fuel.....	815 00
“ “ repairs	423 82
Paid for book cases and fixtures.....	\$ 1,862 28
“ “ printing, blanks and stationery.....	522 22
“ “ janitor's supplies.....	137 59
“ “ postage.....	132 59
“ “ freight and express charges.....	155 70
“ “ miscellaneous.....	143 94
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Total disbursements.....	\$30,677 48

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1888.....\$15,290 19

HERBERT BOWEN,
Secretary.

JANUARY 1, 1889.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Commissioners of the Public Library:

I have the honor to submit my report of the growth and work of the library for the year 1888:

Number of books in the library Jan. 1, 1888	80,167
Added since by purchase	6,058
" " gift	353
" " exchange	68
" " binding pamphlets, etc.	415 6,894
Total	87,061
Sold and exchanged	200
Condemned (worn out)	1,221
Lost and paid for	18 1,439
Number of books Dec. 31, 1888	85,622

The net increase during the year of some of the principal classes of books is indicated in the following:

Bound periodicals	1,233
History	618
Biography	367
Travel, Description, etc.	345
Religion	324
English literature	216
Natural sciences	213
Fiction and juvenile books	16

The following shows the accessions during the year in the several classes named, the number of books at the close of the year, and the percentage of the whole in the several classes:

	Accessions in 1888.	Total in Lib'y.	Per- centage.
Bibliography, Cyclopædias, Dictionaries.....	89	1,460	1.70
Bound Periodicals (general) and Newspapers.....	1,334	7,410	8.65
Philosophy, Mental and Moral.....	44	943	1.10
Religion.....	326	5,819	6.80
Political Science.....	78	973	1.14
Political Economy.....	103	587	.68
Administration, Federal and Local Pub. Docs.....	538	6,719	7.85
Law.....	60	689	.80
Education.....	80	980	1.14
Sociology.....	215	2,082	2.43
Philology.....	10	380	.44
Natural Sciences.....	237	4,606	5.38
Medicine.....	189	1,498	1.75
Agriculture.....	131	918	1.07
Domestic Economy.....	14	158	.18
Useful Arts.....	92	1,804	2.10
Fine Arts.....	104	1,351	1.58
English Literature (inc. Translations).....	228	3,643	4.26
English Poetry and Drama (inc. Translations).....	167	3,215	3.76
Biography.....	377	5,594	6.54
Geography, Travel and Description.....	362	5,725	6.69
History.....	677	8,387	9.80
Prose, Fiction and Juvenile.....	1,081	12,747	14.99
Amusements.....	38	281	.33
Books in German.....	165	3,727	4.35
Books in French.....	141	2,970	3.47
Books in Greek.....		120	.14
Books in Latin.....	2	545	.64
Books in Italian and Spanish.....	12	157	.18
Books in Minor Languages.....		134	.16
Total.....	6,894	85,622	100.00

LIBRARY CARDS.

There are 14,144 persons holding library cards, against 12,858 a year ago—an increase of 1,286. The following shows the number who applied for and took out library cards in the years named:

1884.....	1,413
1885.....	2,880
1886.....	3,228
1887.....	3,269
1888.....	3,354

Total.....14,144

Under the present rule, which limits the life of a card to five years, the above comprises the whole number of valid cards. Of the persons holding library cards whose validity expired last year, only 350 registered anew to continue the use of the library. It very frequently happens, however, that when cards expire other members of the family, who have been using them, take out cards in their own names. While this is not strictly a re-registration, it is such practically, and explains to some extent the wide discrepancy between the number who renew their cards and the number dropped from the list.

USE OF BOOKS.

The library was open 309 days for the circulation of books and 365 days for reading and consultation of books in the building. The following shows the circulation by months and the average daily circulation :

1887.				1888.		
Months.	No. Days.	Total Circulation.	Average per Day.	No. Days.	Total Circulation.	Average per Day.
January.....	25	16,142	646	25	18,006	720
February.....	24	16,647	694	25	19,232	769
March.....	27	18,502	685	27	20,941	775
April.....	26	16,391	630	25	16,416	657
May.....	26	12,678	488	27	15,548	576
June.....	26	13,135	505	26	14,277	549
July.....	25	13,282	510	25	15,032	601
August.....	27	13,970	517	27	15,838	587
September.....	26	13,680	526	25	15,666	626
October.....	26	15,177	584	27	17,862	662
November.....	25	16,078	643	25	18,532	741
December.....	26	16,239	625	25	19,087	763
Total.....	309	181,921	589	309	206,437	668

The character of the books circulated is indicated by the following statement:

	1887.	1888.
History, Biography and Travel.....	6.68 per cent.	6.95 per cent.
Literature, Poetry and Drama.....	3.80 “	4.31 “
Religion and Philosophy.....	.93 “	1.00 “
Science and Art.....	3.23 “	3.08 “
Fiction.....	65.32 “	62.87 “
Juvenile.....	14.92 “	15.72 “
German.....	3.86 “	4.10 “
French and Minor Languages.....	.48 “	.95 “
Miscellaneous.....	.78 “	1.02 “

Following is a summary of the use of the library during the year:

Number of books drawn out for home reading.....	206,437
“ “ “ consulted in the library.....	23,964
Total use of books in 1888.....	230,401
“ “ “ 1887.....	204,166
Increase in 1888.....	26,235
Total use of books in 1888.....	230,401
“ “ periodicals in 1888.....	98,502
Total use of library in 1888.....	328,903
“ “ “ 1887.....	291,433
Increase in 1888.....	37,470

BINDING AND REPAIR OF BOOKS.

During the year 4,645 books were bound, 874 were lettered, 680 were resewed, 46 were rebacked, and 1,359 were repaired. Of the volumes bound, 3,643 were done under contract, at a cost of \$2,033.35, or a trifle under 56 cents on an average. This includes several large folios and quite a number of volumes bound in morocco. Probably four-fifths of the books were bound at an average cost of about 40 cents. English buckram continues to be used on all common books, and with satisfaction. Several different shades of color of this material have been tried.

The library bindery has continued in operation throughout the year, as heretofore, except for two months in the summer. The cost of running it for the ten months was \$893.88, of which \$805.34 was for labor, and \$88.54 was for materials. The following shows the work turned out:

Number of books rebound.....	1,002
“ “ resewed and recased.....	680
“ “ rebacked.....	46
“ “ repaired.....	1,359
Total books handled.....	3,087

Besides these, there were made 265 large pamphlet boxes, 27 bulletin covers, and many paper blocks.

SUNDAY READING.

The Sunday use of the library has increased somewhat. The whole number of Sunday readers was 6,801, as against 5,216 in the preceding year. The average Sunday use of books was 8, and of periodicals, 180. The daily average use of reference books was 76, and of periodicals, 285, showing that the Sunday use of the library is considerably below that of secular days. It should be said, however, that the building is open only 7 hours on Sunday, while it is open 12 hours on other days. The cost per Sunday of keeping the building open is \$9.18—for fuel, light, and compensation of attendants. Beside the moral question involved, is the practical one: does it pay to incur the expense, amounting to about \$500 a year, to keep the building open on Sunday? The statistics above given speak for themselves, and every one is at liberty to answer the question. My own opinion is that it does pay, and that the open door on Sunday also serves a wholesome moral purpose. The comparatively small number of books called for on Sunday indicates, to my mind, that little, if any, work or study is done on that

day, and that the reading is mainly desultory in its character. The class of patrons is much the same as on other days, at least there are no peculiarities worthy of mention.

RELATIONS WITH THE SCHOOLS.

The special arrangement referred to in my last report, by which books are supplied for use in the public High School, has continued throughout the year. The list of books has been considerably enlarged, though, with a few exceptions, the number of copies of any book does not exceed a half dozen. There are about 600 volumes in this collection, which is treated as a special library, and stored by itself, so as not to interfere with the ordinary use of the library. The teachers who make use of these books in their classes express great enthusiasm over the better work they are thereby able to accomplish. The Principal of the High School, in his last annual report to the Board of Education, has this to say:

“In the same direction is the gain to our work resulting from the arrangement made this year with the Public Library. It is hardly too much to say that this has revolutionized our work in some branches. Large numbers of reference works have been furnished us to keep as long as needed. A sufficient number of copies of particular books have been furnished to enable us to get them actually into the hands of all the students. This has made it possible to broaden our historical and literary work as we could do in no other way. It has been almost equally valuable in furnishing us reference works in science. Another year the results of this intimate union with the Public Library will be even more marked. Surely the greatest good in mere intellectual education that we can do for the large majority is in cultivation of a taste for good reading. We

cannot do this by talking about books. A love of good reading comes not from precept but from practice. We hope that the reading of good books will become so much a habit with our students that it may continue to delight them after their school days. May we not hope to educate a class of readers for the Public Library whose taste will look a little higher than the ephemeral fiction of the day?"

The results being so satisfactory, an arrangement has been concluded between the Library Commission and the Board of Education whereby the system is to be extended to the 7th and 8th grades in the grammar schools. By this arrangement the Board of Education undertakes to become responsible for the safe transportation of the books from and to the library, and to make good all injury and loss. The plan is to select books of a suitable character for supplementary reading in connection with the studies of the pupils of these grades, and to procure several sets which shall pass from school to school by a system of exchanges. This part of the scheme has not yet gone into actual operation, but the purpose of all concerned is to give it an honest trial.

HENRY M. UTLEY,
Librarian.

APPENDIX A.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS OF THE ANNUAL GROWTH AND USE OF THE LIBRARY.

Year.	No. Volumes at end of Year.	Library Read'g during Year.	Home Reading during Year.	Total Use during Year.
1865.....	8,864	.....	.....	4,700
1866.....	10,509	.....	.....	15,000
1867	15,020	.....	.....	30,000
1868.....	16,620	.....	.....	35,000
1869.....	17,586	.....	.....	40,000
1870.....	18,717	.....	.....	40,000
1871.....	21,161	7,200	45,600	52,800
1872.....	22,115	9,200	98,000	107,200
1873.....	22,882	10,100	115,000	125,100
1874.....	24,176	10,200	145,000	155,200
1875.....	24,903	11,000	148,000	159,000
1876.....	33,604	11,500	148,000	159,500
1877.....	37,703	12,000	150,000	162,000
1878.....	39,045	15,000	184,200	199,200
1879.....	40,358	15,000	185,500	200,500
1880.....	40,496	12,000	113,585	125,585
1881.....	42,413	12,000	116,932	128,932
1882.....	50,605	10,432	102,610	113,042
1883.....	53,621	13,314	114,960	128,274
1884.....	56,668	11,722	126,376	138,098
1885.....	59,653	15,481	134,068	149,549
1886.....	70,550	19,699	147,616	167,285
1887.....	80,167	22,245	181,921	204,166
1888.....	85,622	23,964	206,487	240,401

NOTE.—Prior to 1880 the statistics of the use of the library were estimated. The figures are given above as they were reported from year to year, but the accurate record which has since been kept makes evident the fact that the estimates were not very close.

APPENDIX B.

Following is a list of donors to the Library during the year, and the number of bound volumes and pamphlets given by each:

	Vol.	Pamph.
Albion College, Albion.....	...	1
Ames Free Library, North Easton, Mass.....	...	1
Amherst College.....	...	3
Angle, C. B., Albany.....	1	...
Apprentices' Library, New York.....	...	1
" " Philadelphia.....	...	1
Astor Library, New York.....	...	1
Ayer, J. C., Lowell, Mass.....	1	...
Baldwin, W. H. Boston.....	...	14
Barbour, L., L., Detroit.....	2	...
Barkwell, M. C., Cheyenne, W. T.....	...	1
Beal, W. J., Lansing.....	...	2
Benet, S. V., Washington.....	1	...
Burchard Library, Fremont, O.....	1	...
Board of Education, Detroit.....	2	...
Bowdoin College Library, Brunswick, Me.....	...	1
Bracket, E. A., Boston.....	...	18
Brearley, W. H., Detroit.....	1	...
Bronson Library, Waterbury, Conn.....	...	2
Brooklyn Library.....	...	2
Brymner, D., Ottawa, Ont.....	1	...
Buffalo Historical Society.....	...	4
Burr, W. H., Detroit.....	...	4
Burton, C. M., Detroit.....	...	2
California Pioneers' Society.....	1	1
Campbell, J. V., Detroit.....	8	29
Cathcart, W. H., Granville, O.....	...	1
Catholic Publication Co., New York.....	...	2
Chaney, H. A., Detroit.....	1	...
Chesebrough, A., Detroit.....	13	...

	Vol	Pamph.
Chipman, J. L., Detroit.....	2	8
City Library, Lowell, Mass.....		1
“ “ Manchester, N. H.....		1
“ “ Springfield, Mass.....		1
Clarke, H. K., Detroit.....		1
Clarke, Robert, Cincinnati.....		1
Cobden Club, London, Eng.....		3
Coles, A., Newark, N. J.....	1	...
Columbia College, New York.....	1	3
Cooley, T. M., Ann Arbor.....	1	...
Darling, C. W., Utica, N. Y.....	1	...
Davis, Geo. S., Detroit.....	5	...
Dennis, H. J., Topeka, Ks.....		1
Dewey, Melvil, New York.....		1
Detroit College.....		1
Detroit Journal.....		1
Dunn, Fred'k, Lansing.....		7
Durrie, D. S., Madison, Wis.....		2
Ellis, E. R., Detroit.....	1	...
Evans, Robert, Hamilton, Ont.....	1	...
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.....		1
Flint, W., Washington.....		1
Fortier, A., New Orleans.....		1
Foster, Jos., London, Eng.....	1	...
Friends' Free Library, Germantown, Pa.....		1
Gerry, E. T., New York.....		1
Gompers, Samuel, New York.....		1
Goodsell, A. C., Jr., Boston.....		2
Green, S. A., Boston.....	5	69
Greenleaf, E. H., Boston.....		19
Greey, Edward, New York.....		1
Griswold, W. M., Bangor, Me.....		1
Hall, T. P., Detroit.....		1
Hartford Library.....		4
Harvard University, Cambridge.....		6
“ “ Library.....		5
Heath, A. H., Lansing.....	2	...
Helleberg, C. G., Cincinnati.....	1	...
Henderson, J. T., Atlanta, Ga.....		5
Henry, D. F., Detroit.....	1	...
Hickox, J. H., Washington.....	2	...
Howard Collegiate Institute, W. Bridgewater, Mass.....		3
Howard University, Washington.....		14
Hudson, Miss F. C., Detroit.....	1	...
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia.....		5

	Vol.	Pamph.
Irelan, Wm., Jr., San Francisco.....	...	1
Jackson, H. R., Marietta, Ga.....	...	1
James, E. J., Philadelphia.....	...	1
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.....	...	1
Joy, C. H., Groton, Mass.....	...	1
Kansas Board of Agriculture.....	...	2
Kansas Historical Society.....	...	5
Kendrick & Clifford, Philadelphia.....	1	...
Kilbourne, C. E., Columbus, O. ....	...	2
King, R. W., Detroit .....	...	1
Kochitzky, O., Springfield, Mo.	1	...
Kronberg, A. G., Detroit.....	2	...
Ladies' Calhoun Monument Ass'n, Charleston, S. C. ....	...	1
Leeson, J. R., Boston .....	...	1
Maimonides Library, New York.....	...	1
Marquette College, Milwaukee.....	...	1
McClellan, C., St. Paul.....	...	2
Marsh, L. B., Boston	1	...
Massachusetts, Commonwealth of.....	5	...
" Institute of Technology, Boston .....	...	1
Maxwell, S. D., Cincinnati	1	...
Mercantile Library, New York.....	...	2
" " Philadelphia .....	...	1
" " San Francisco .....	...	1
" " St. Louis.....	...	1
Michigan Agricultural College, Lansing.....	...	4
" Board of Health. " 	4	...
" Pioneer Society, " 	2	...
Mitchell, C. L., Tallahassee, Fla.....	...	8
Molee, Elias, Bristol, Dak.....	1	...
Moran, W. B., Detroit	2	...
Nash, E. W., New York .....	...	1
Newark Library .....	...	1
Newberry Library, Chicago .....	...	1
New Jersey Historical Society.....	15	...
New York Free Circulating Library.....	...	2
Niagara Reservation Commission, N. Y.....	...	4
Noble, Mrs. E. C., Detroit	1	...
Noyes, J. F., Detroit	1	...
Ohio Mechanics' Institute, Cincinnati.....	2	...
Osmun, G. R., Lansing.....	7	...
Palmer, T. W., Detroit.....	1	...
Pennsylvania Historical Society.....	4	...
Perry, Amos, Providence, R. I.	3	4
Philadelphia City Institute.....	...	1
" Library Co.....	...	3

	Vol.	Pamph.
Philological Society, London, Eng.	1	..
Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Mass. ....	...	1
Preston, S. H., London, Eng.	1	...
Public Library, Boston .....	...	3
“ “ Bridgeport, Conn. ....	...	1
“ “ Brookline, Mass. ....	...	7
“ “ Cardiff, Wales. ....	...	1
“ “ Chicago. ....	...	1
“ “ Cincinnati	1	...
“ “ Columbus, O. ....	...	1
“ “ Dayton, O.	1	1
“ “ Grand Rapids. ....	...	3
“ “ Great Yarmouth, Eng. ....	...	1
“ “ Indianapolis .....	...	1
“ “ Kansas City. ....	...	1
“ “ Lawrence, Mass. ..	...	1
“ “ Lynn, Mass. ....	...	1
“ “ Manchester, Eng. ....	...	1
“ “ Milwaukee. ....	...	3
“ “ New Haven, Conn. ....	...	1
“ “ Omaha, Neb.	1	2
“ “ Plymouth, Eng. ....	...	1
“ “ Poughkeepsie, N. Y. ....	...	1
“ “ Providence, R. I. ....	...	1
“ “ San Francisco .....	...	1
“ “ St. Louis. ....	...	1
“ “ St. Paul .....	...	1
“ “ Swansea, Wales .....	...	2
“ “ Taunton, Mass .....	...	1
“ “ Toledo, O. ....	...	1
“ “ Topeka, Ks. ....	...	1
“ “ Toronto, Ont. ....	...	1
“ “ Worcester, Mass. ....	...	1
Putnam, F. W., Cambridge, Mass.	1	12
Quaritch, B., London, Eng.	1	...
Rarig, W. C., San Luis Obispo, Cal. ....	...	1
Record Society of Lancashire, Eng.	12	...
Reed, Homer, Kansas City .....	...	1
Rich, J. T., Lansing	1	...
Rosenau, N. S., Buffalo. ....	...	1
Royal Society of Canada.	1	...
Ruggles, O. W., Detroit.	1	...
Sanders, Mrs. M. A., Pawtucket, R. I. ....	...	1
Sayles, Mrs. L. B., Killingly, Conn.	2	2
Shakespeare Society of New York.	1	...
Shanafelt, T. M., Three Rivers. ....	...	1

	Vol.	Pamph.
Sickles, D. E., New York.....	...	1
Sims, Wm., Topeka, Ks.....	...	2
Smiley, C. W., Washington.....	...	1
Smith, E. F., Ann Arbor.....	...	2
Smith, J. C., Brooklyn, N. Y.....	1	...
Smithsonian Institution, Washington	3	...
Starkey, Henry, Detroit.....	...	1
Stevens, B. F., London, Eng.....	...	2
Storrs, L. C., Lansing.....	...	2
Suttie, Geo., Detroit.....	1	...
Swift, G. B., Chicago.....	1	...
Tenney, Mrs. H. A., Lansing	40	53
Thompson, Mrs. Elizabeth, Stamford, Conn.....	1	...
U. S. Bureau of Education	1	1
" Coast and Geodetic Survey .....	...	1
" Department of Agriculture	2	25
" Interior.....	92	9
" Justice.....	2	2
" Navy.....	1	2
" Postoffice.....	1	...
" State.....	2	12
" Treasury.....	8	23
" War	24	4
" Fish Commission.....	1	...
" Labor Bureau	2	...
" Life Saving Service	1	...
" Patent Office	5	...
" Pub. Docs.....	...	5
" Signal Service.....	21	29
" Supervising Insp. Steam Vessels	1	3
University of California.....	...	13
" Georgia.....	...	1
" Iowa .....	...	1
" Michigan .....	...	1
Vassar College, Poughkeepsie.....	...	1
Walker, C. I., Detroit.....	...	1
Weeks, S. B., Chapel Hill, N. C. ....	...	2
White, C. E., Cincinnati .....	...	1
White, G., Sequasset, Mass. ....	...	1
Whitmore, W. H., Boston.....	1	...
Wilby, J. H., Detroit.....	1	...
Woman's Medical College, Philadelphia.....	...	1
Wright, C. D., Roston.....	2	...
Total.....	353	587

APPENDIX C.

DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

READING ROOM.

Open Week Days, 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. Sundays and Holidays, 2 to 9 P. M.

List of Newspapers, Journals and Magazines on File.

DAILY NEWSPAPERS.

Atlanta Constitution.
 Boston Herald.
 Buffalo Courier.
 Chicago Times.
 " Tribune.
 Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.
 " Enquirer.
 Cleveland Leader.
 Detroit Free Press.
 " Tribune.
 " Evening News.
 " Evening Journal.
 " Abend Post.
 " Arbeiter Zeitung.
 Louisville Courier-Journal.
 Milwaukee Sentinel.

New Orleans Times.
 New York Commercial Bulletin.
 " Herald.
 " Sun.
 " Times.
 " Tribune.
 " World.
 Philadelphia Times.
 San Francisco Bulletin.
 St. Louis Republic.
 St. Paul Pioneer-Press.
 Springfield (Mo.) Republican.
 Toronto Globe.
 " Mail.
 Washington Post.

WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS.

Advance and Labor Leaf.
 Cheboygan Tribune.
 Courier des Etats Unis. (Dimanche.)
 Detroit Courier.
 Familien Blätter (Detroit.)
 Independance Belge.
 Le Figaro.

London Times.
 Martha's Vineyard Herald.
 Nation.
 New York Evening Post (semi-weekly.)
 Plaindealer (Detroit.)
 Public Opinion.
 Sontags-Herald.

ART, ILLUSTRATED AND HUMOROUS JOURNALS.

Art Amateur.
 Art Journal.
 Die Gartenlaube.
 Fliegende Blätter.
 Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper.
 Harper's Bazaar.
 " Weekly.
 Illustrated London News.
 Judge.

Life (N. Y.)
 London Graphic.
 Magazine of Art.
 New York Graphic (Daily.)
 Paris Illustré.
 Portfolio (Hamerton's.)
 Puck.
 Punch.
 Ueber Land und Meer.

RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNALS.

American Catholic Quarterly.
 American Journal of Psychology.
 Andover Review.
 Baptist Quarterly Review.
 Boston Pilot.
 British and Foreign Evangelical Review.
 Catholic World.
 Christian Science Journal.
 Christian Union.
 Churchman.
 Church Quarterly Review.
 Church Review.

Dublin Review.
 Gospel in all Lands.
 Journal of Christian Philosophy.
 Lutheran Quarterly.
 Manifesto.
 Methodist Review.
 Mind.
 Our Day.
 The Path.
 Religio-Philosophical Journal.
 Unitarian Review.
 Universalist Quarterly.

BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS.

American Antiquarian.
 American Architect.
 American Engineer.
 American Philology.
 American Journal of Science.
 American Machinist.
 American Meteorological Journal.
 American Naturalist.
 Army and Navy Journal.
 Bankers' Magazine (London.)
 Bankers' Magazine (N. Y.)
 Bibliographer.
 Bookbuyer.
 Bookmart.
 Builder and Woodworker.
 Carpentry and Building.
 Chamber of Commerce Journal.
 Chemical News.
 Civil Service Record.
 Decorator and Furnisher.
 Dental Cosmos.
 Dramatic News.
 Education.
 Electrician.
 Electrical Review.
 Engineering.
 English Mechanic.
 Fire and Water.
 Forest and Stream.
 Garden and Forest.
 Hall's Journal of Health.
 Indicator (Detroit.)
 Industrial Education.
 Industrial World.
 International Record of Charities.
 Iron Age.
 Journal of Anthropological Institute.

Journal of Archeological Association.
 Journal of Franklin Institute.
 Journal of Royal Agricultural Society.
 Lancet (London.)
 Laws of Life.
 Library Journal.
 Library Notes.
 Michigan Farmer.
 Microscope.
 Million.
 Mining Record.
 Musical World.
 Nature.
 Painter's Magazine.
 Pharmaceutical Era.
 Pharmaceutical Journal.
 Phonographic Monthly.
 Photographic Times.
 Political Science.
 Popular Gardening.
 Popular Science Monthly.
 Postal Bulletin (Daily.)
 Postal Guide.
 Poultry World.
 Publisher's Weekly.
 Quaker City Phalatelst.
 Quarterly Journal of Economics.
 Railroad Engineering (Van Nostrand's.
 Railroad Gazette.
 Science.
 Scientific American.
 Scientific American Supplement.
 Spirit of the Times.
 Student Statesmen.
 Traveler's Record.
 The Writer.

LITERATURE, HISTORY, ETC.

Academy (London).
 All the Year Round.
 American Folk Lore.
 American Journal of Archaeology.
 American Magazine.
 Argosy.
 Athenæum.
 Atlantic Monthly.
 Belgravia.
 Blackwood's Magazine.
 Century.
 Chamber's Journal.
 Contemporary Review.
 Cornhill Magazine.
 Critic.
 Deutsche Rundschau.
 Dial.
 Eclectic Magazine.
 Edinburgh Review.
 English Historical Review.
 English Illustrated Magazine.
 Fortnightly Review.
 Forum.
 Gentleman's Magazine.
 Good Words.
 Granite Monthly.
 Harper's Monthly.
 Harper's Young People.
 Harvard Monthly.
 Irish Monthly.
 Johns Hopkins University Studies.
 Knowledge.
 Leisure Hour.
 Lippincott's Magazine.
 Literary News.
 Literary World.

Littell's Living Age.
 London Quarterly.
 London Society.
 Longman's Magazine.
 MacMillan's Magazine.
 Magazine of American History.
 Magazine of Western History.
 Menorah.
 Month.
 Murray's Magazine.
 Narragansett Historical Register.
 National Review.
 New England Magazine.
 New Englander and Yale Review.
 N. E. Historical and Gen. Register.
 Nineteenth Century.
 North American Review.
 Ohio Archeolog. and Hist. Quarterly.
 Outing.
 Overland Monthly.
 Pennsylvania Magazine.
 Princeton Review.
 Quarterly Review.
 Revue des deux Mondes.
 St. Nicholas.
 Saturday Review.
 Scottish Review.
 Scribner's Magazine.
 Shakespeariana.
 Sunday Magazine.
 Temple Bar.
 U. S. Catholic Hist. Magazine.
 Westminster Review.
 Wide Awake.
 Woman's Journal.
 Youth's Companion.

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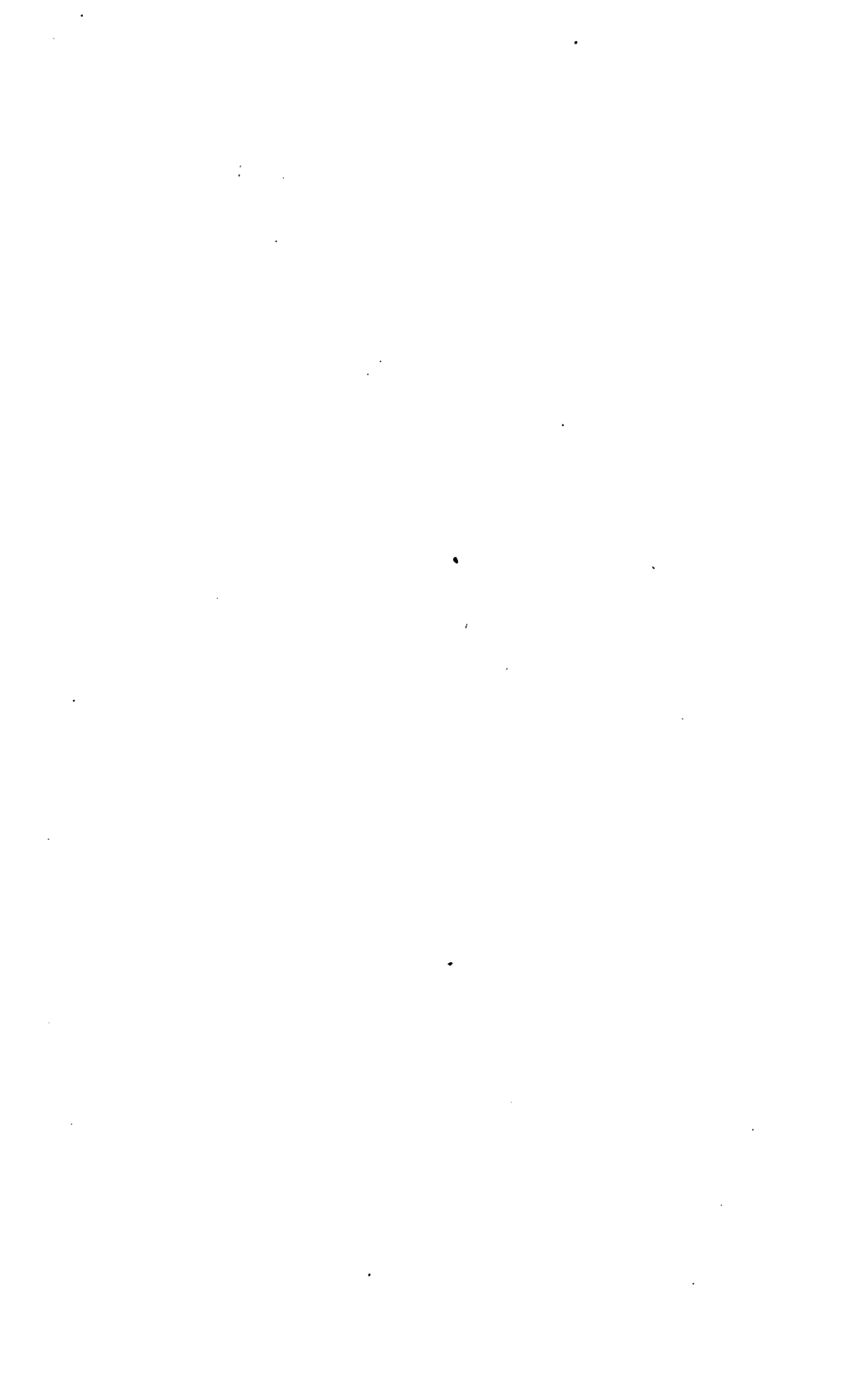
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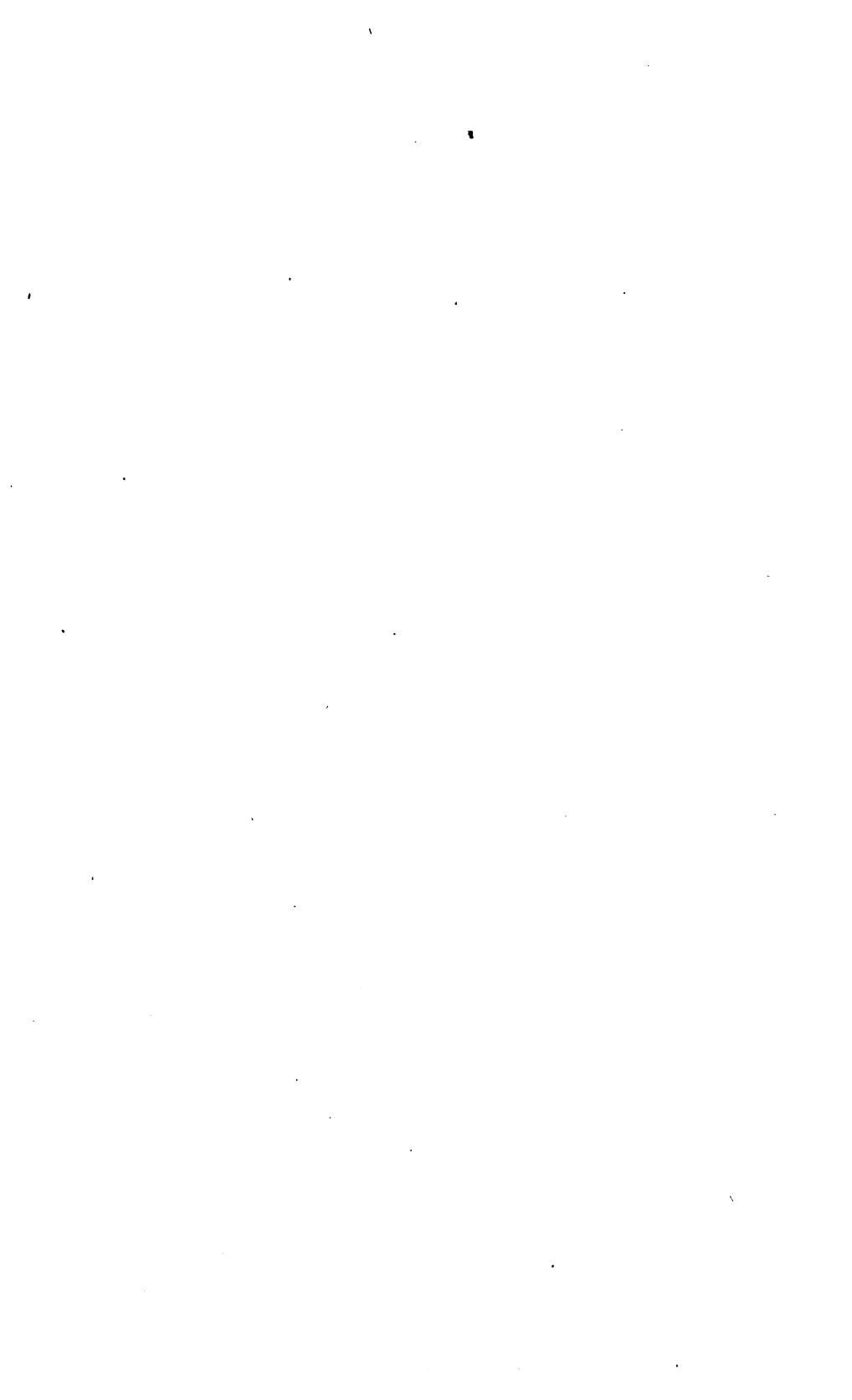
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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Board of Education:

Gentlemen :—The library has gone on through the year without any very important event in its history. The number of books has been increased to upwards of 91,000. The statistics compiled by the librarian, and herewith presented, show that the library was never so extensively used as it has been during the past year. The number of different individuals who drew out books for home reading has materially increased, while the number who consulted books in the library was nearly doubled. The whole number of books used exceeds the total of any previous year by upwards of 33,000. These facts cannot fail to be gratifying to all friends of the Library. They demonstrate its popularity and usefulness, and justify all the expense of money, time, labor and thought bestowed upon its care and development. A measure was brought before the legislature, at its last session, calculated to restrict the annual city appropriation for the maintenance of the library. It must be said to the credit of the mover of this measure that when he saw the overwhelming public sentiment in favor of leaving the library revenue undisturbed, he withdrew his bill. The movement in the legislature is not to be regretted, since it demonstrated the hold which the library has in the hearts of the people, and the general prevalence of a belief that it is worth to the city all that it costs.

The close relation between the library and the public schools has been promoted by the extension of the library privileges, hitherto granted to the high school, to some 20 schools of the upper grammar grades. The expense has not been large, and the number of books bought for

the purpose of a practical trial of the experiment was not great, but these few books have already had thousands of readers, who would not otherwise, perhaps, have ever seen a library books. There are as yet no records of this use of the library, and consequently they cut no figure in our regular statistics. But it is none the less true that the use is very extensive; that the beneficence and value of the library are thus carried into fresh fields, and it is thereby serving new and important ends. We do not lose sight of the fact that this library was primarily a public school library. It was for years under the direct management of the Board of Education. There is, therefore, solid ground for all possible efforts to preserve its educational character, and to co-operate with the school authorities in their work for the children.

The time has arrived when we must seriously consider the question of enlargement of the library building. When the main building was erected its estimated capacity was 100,000 volumes. This was in 1875, when the library had but \$25,000 volumes, and the time when the presumed capacity of the building would be reached, seemed then very remote. By the close of the year 1890, the number of volumes on hand will in all probability be fully 100,000; and before any new building can be provided, in the ordinary course of events, that number will be greatly exceeded. As originally planned the present main building was the book room or rear extension of the projected edifice. The architect's plans provided for a very handsome and commodious front, which was omitted in the construction, for the reason that the ascertained cost exceed the authorized expenditure. This was fortunate for two reasons; it secured the placing of the present

building in such position on the lot as to leave ample room for future extension, and it left the city free to erect, when the proper time shall arrive, a building suitable to the needs of the library, planned in accordance with the latest improved ideas on the subject, and of such imposing appearance as shall represent the taste and wealth of a thriving and cultured city.

Other cities are showing a liberal spirit in respect to their public libraries. The city of Boston having acquired nearly a whole city square of land as a site, is now erecting thereon a building which is to cost, completed, upwards of a million dollars. Chicago is now looking for a suitable location, and we may believe that its building will not be inferior to that of Boston. Milwaukee has recently appropriated \$60,000 for a site, and when this is secured its appropriation for a building will not be niggardly. Minneapolis has, within the last 30 days, dedicated a new public library building which cost, exclusive of ground, \$260,000, and which is so constructed as to be enlarged by an addition costing as much more, to make a complete and harmonious whole.

Our public library. in its magnitude and the extent of its use, ranks with the best in this country, and we feel confident that the people of Detroit will gladly consent to any needful appropriation to keep it always in this rank. Additional legislation will be necessary to enable the city to erect the proposed building. We expect that public-spirited citizens will lead the movement, and that the legislature and the Common Council will be so impressed with the popular will and desire in this respect that a sufficient grant will be made.

GEO. S. HOSMER, *President.*

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To the Commissioners of the Detroit Public Library:

In compliance with the rule of the Board, I submit a report of the receipts and disbursements on account of the Library Fund for the year 1889 :

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand January 1st, 1889.....	\$15,290 19
City taxes, 1889.....	\$27,959 41
" " 1888.....	1,549 50
" " previous years.....	42 58
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	29,551 49
County Treas., fines and penalties.....	8,840 12
Interest on account.....	676 72
Library fines.....	667 44
Sales of Catalogues.....	71 60
Sales of duplicate books.....	29 65
Lost books paid for.....	30 45
Miscellaneous.....	8 25
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Total receipts.....	\$55,165 91

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for Books and pamphlets	\$7,049 83
" " periodical subscriptions	906 93
" " binding and repair of books	2,290 77
" " light	1,476 02
" " fuel	684 75
" " stationery and blanks	587 20
" " library supplies	235 16
" " janitor's supplies	64 59
" " postage	115 39
" " freight and express	221 55
" " repairs	1,770 81
" " furniture	104 45
" " miscellaneous	69 15
" " janitor service	1,983 57
" " salaries of librarian and assistants	12,718 60
" " printing catalogues	3,423 75
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Total disbursements	\$33,702 52
Balance on hand, December 31, 1889	\$21,463 39

The above balance does not indicate a surplus, as some might infer, but the working funds of the Library for the next six months. While the year of the Commission commences on January 1st, its fiscal year is the same as that of the City of Detroit, and begins July 1st.

HERBERT BOWEN, *Secretary*.

DETROIT, JANUARY, 1890.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Commissioners of the Public Library:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit to you my report for the year 1889, showing the growth of the library and its operations during the calendar year.

Number of books in the library Jan. 1, 1889.....	85,622
Added since by purchase	5,864
" " gift.....	843
" " exchange	21
" " binding pamphlets, etc.....	330 7,058
<div style="text-align: right;">Total.....</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px solid black;">92,680</div>
Sold and exchanged	55
Condemned (worn out)	894
Lost and paid for	38 987
<div style="text-align: right;">Number of books Dec. 31, 1889.....</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px solid black;">91,693</div>

The following shows the net increase during the year in the number of books in the several classes mentioned:

Fiction	845
Biography	737
History	662
English literature, poetry, etc.	537
Religion	504
Description, travel, etc.	409
Natural Sciences.....	401
Bound periodicals	290
Useful arts.....	175

The following table shows the accessions during the year in the several classes, the number of books in each at the close of the year, and the relation which each class bears to the whole:

	Accessions in 1889.	Total in Lib'y.	Per- centage.
Bibliography, Cyclopædias, Dictionaries.....	77	1,537	1.66
Bound Periodicals (general) and Newspapers.....	321	7,700	8.39
Philosophy, Mental and Moral.....	89	1,029	1.12
Religion.....	505	6,323	6.89
Political Science.....	68	1,041	1.13
Political Economy.....	42	629	.68
Administration, Federal and Local Pub. Docs.....	535	7,239	7.89
Law.....	36	725	.79
Education.....	76	1,056	1.15
Sociology.....	172	2,253	2.45
Philology.....	68	448	.49
Natural Sciences.....	403	5,007	5.46
Medicine.....	57	1,555	1.69
Agriculture.....	27	945	1.03
Domestic Economy.....	8	166	.18
Useful Arts.....	175	1,979	2.16
Fine Arts.....	130	1,481	1.61
Eng. and Am. Literature (inc. Translations).....	263	3,900	4.28
Eng. and Am. Poetry and Drama (inc. Translations)	283	3,495	3.81
Biography.....	751	6,331	6.95
Geography, Travel and Description.....	415	6,134	6.69
History.....	679	9,049	9.87
English Fiction and Juvenile.....	1,695	13,592	14.82
Amusements.....	79	360	.39
Books in German.....	19	3,712	4.06
Books in French.....	73	3,039	3.32
Books in Greek.....	2	122	.13
Books in Latin.....	8	553	.60
Books in Italian and Spanish.....	2	159	.17
Books in Minor Languages.....		134	.14
Total.....	7,058	91,693	100.00

LIBRARY CARDS.

The number of library cards outstanding at the close of the year is 16,375, against 14,144 the previous year—a gain

of 2,231. The number of cards issued annually during the past five years is as follows :

1885.....	2,880
1886.....	3,228
1887.....	3,269
1888.....	3,354
1889.....	3,644
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Total	16,375

This represents the number of readers' cards upon which the holder is entitled to draw out for home reading one book, to be kept not more than two weeks, except upon renewal. The right to obtain these cards is limited to residents of Detroit, or residents of the suburbs doing business in the city and paying city taxes. The loaning of books is limited strictly to holders of cards. There have been frequent requests from outsiders, more especially residents of Windsor, for the privilege of drawing books upon the payment of a weekly sum as compensation therefor. As the library is maintained by the tax payers of Detroit for the use and benefit of the people of the city, the way has not seemed clear to make it, in any degree, a subscription library. All outside applicants have been refused, even when money has been tendered with the application. Of course, the library is freely open for the use of books within the building by all who apply, no matter who they may be or whence they come.

USE OF THE LIBRARY.

The book department of the library, both circulating and reference, was closed 12 days in July, while the painters were in full possession. The periodical reading room, however, was kept open, as usual, every day in the year.

Following is a summary of the use of the several departments of the library during the year.

Number of books drawn out for home reading.....	219,668
" " " consulted in the library.....	44,416
Total use of books in 1889.....	264,084
" " " 1888.....	230,401
Increase in 1889.....	33,683
Number of books used in 1889.....	264,048
" " periodicals used in 1889.....	110,922
Total use of library in 1889.....	374,970
" " " 1888.....	328,903
Increase in 1889.....	46,067

The following shows the number of books drawn for home reading each month in the year, and the daily average, compared with the preceeding year :

1888.				1889.		
Months.	No. Days.	Total Circulation.	Average per Day.	No. Days.	Total Circulation.	Average per Day.
January	25	18,006	720	26	21,616	831
February	25	19,232	769	24	20,301	846
March	27	20,941	775	26	22,867	879
April	25	16,416	657	25	18,344	734
May	27	15,548	576	27	18,445	683
June	26	14,277	549	25	16,641	666
July	25	15,032	601	13	8,830	681
August	27	15,838	587	27	17,710	656
September	25	15,666	626	25	16,025	641
October	27	17,862	662	27	19,876	736
November	25	18,532	741	25	19,939	798
December	25	19,087	763	25	19,074	763
Total	309	206,437	668	295	219,668	745

The character of the books drawn out for home reading for each of the past three years is shown in the following statement :

	1887. per cent.	1888. per cent.	1889. per cent.
History, Biography and Travel	6.68	6.95	8.77
Literature, Poetry and Drama	3.80	4.31	4.66
Religion and Philosophy .....	.93	1.00	1.27
Science and Arts	3.23	3.08	4.01
Fiction.	65.32	62.87	59.50
Juvenile books	14.92	15.72	15.58
German	3.86	4.10	4.35
French and Minor Languages .....	.48	.95	.95
Miscellaneous .....	.78	1.02	.91

I believe that the continually lessening proportion of fiction and growing proportion of history, biography, literature and science, are due largely to the work in behalf of good reading done in the public schools, together with the aids in finding the more substantial classes of books afforded by catalogues, etc. There is considerable work done among adults in the study of history, art and political economy, by clubs or classes, under the guidance of competent preceptors. The members of these classes are making constant and extensive use of the library in the reference department, and also largely in the circulating department.

LIBRARY BOOKS IN THE SCHOOLS.

The contract entered into between the Library Commission and the Board of Education, whereby the latter furnishes transportation for the books between the library and the school houses and agrees to pay for all books not returned in good condition, was mentioned a year ago. The supply of books procured for the high school has been considerably increased, and the time for their return to the library extended indefinitely. That school is, therefore, practically in full possession of over 1200 volumes, to be used in the unrestricted discretion of the principal and teachers, under such rules as they may establish. No reports are furnished as to the extent to which these books

are used, except the statement of the principal that they are in constant, daily use. I think there should be some form of report to show the Library Commission, by the actual record of use that their expenditure for these books was justifiable.

Early in the year, 835 volumes were purchased for use in the 7th and 8th grades of the grammar schools. This takes them into about 20 school houses in different parts of the city. They are divided in proportion to the number of scholars in those two grades in each school. They are called in and an exchange made every six weeks. No general rules have been laid down relative to the use of these books, but that matter is left to the discretion of the principal of each school. Neither have any statistics of their use been kept, except in a single instance. The principal of the Bishop school kept a record during the last six weeks, and found that the 70 books in his school were read 226 times, an average of over three readers for each book. On this basis these books had over 15,000 readers during the last school year. I think a record of use is very desirable, to show not only that the books are really used, but which books are read most. It would afford information as to the desirability of enlarging the scheme and indicate the popular books.

All the books supplied to the schools are duplicates bought expressly for the purpose, and are stamped "School copy No.——" Our library copies are left undisturbed to be circulated in the usual way.

Except that these books are counted as library books, they have no adequate representation in our library statistics. The library really ought to be credited with much greater use than the figures show.

CATALOGUES.

The printing of our new general catalogue began about the middle of March and has proceeded as rapidly as I could handle the proofs. It will probably be completed within a year from the date of its commencement.

The first volume, comprising nearly 600 pages, was issued about the middle of October, and was bound for use in the library.

A catalogue of books in the French language was issued in October, and offered for sale to the public at 25 cents per copy.

A small catalogue of 24 pages, entitled "Good Books for Young People," was printed in the fall, and offered at 5 cents per copy. The first edition of 500 copies has been nearly exhausted and a new and enlarged edition is desirable. Such a guide to good reading is most helpful to parents and teachers, as well as to young people themselves; and the demand for it proves its popularity and usefulness. It is the duty of the library authorities not only to provide suitable books for all classes of readers, but to assist the public in making choice of books, both for reading and study.

BINDING AND REPAIR OF BOOKS.

During the year, 3,714 books were bound, 700 were re sewed and recased, 56 were rebacked, and 2,336 were repaired. All this work was done in the library bindery, except the binding of 2,677 volumes, which was done by contract in outside binderies. The cost of the contract work was \$1,283.10, which was a little over 47 cents per volume on the average. The cost of maintaining the bindery was \$1,007.67, of which \$87.17 was for material and \$920.50 was wages paid to employees.

The work turned out was the following :

Number of books rebound	1,037
" " resewed and recased.....	700
" " rebacked	56
" " repaired	2,336
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Total books handled	4,129

Besides these there were 51 large pamphlet boxes made, as well as paper memorandum blocks and other things for the convenience of the library, and a great deal of pasteing of labels, etc., which cannot be described in detail.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

During the summer the interior of the library room was thoroughly renovated and newly painted and decorated. Nothing of this kind had before been done since the building was erected, nearly 14 years before. The color was originally sombre, and the whole room had become very dingy by long accumulation of smoke and dust. Light, neutral tints were used in painting, and the decorations are few and simple, consisting almost wholly of gilding the tips of projecting iron ornaments on columns and balconies. The result is highly satisfactory; the room is wonderfully brightened, the light being perceptibly increased. The appearance of the library is greatly improved, and the good taste employed in its embellishment has been much praised.

The work was so done as to interfere as little as possible with the operations of the library; but it was found necessary to close the book department two weeks. Fortunately this was arranged for that month in the year when the library is least used by the public.

Very Respectfully,

H. M. UTLEY, *Librarian.*

APPENDIX A.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS OF THE ANNUAL GROWTH AND USE OF THE LIBRARY.

Year.	No. Volumes at end of Year.	Library Read'g during Year.	Home Reading during Year.	Total Use during Year.
1865.....	8,864	.....	.....	4,700
1866.....	10,509	.....	.....	15,000
1867.....	15,020	.....	.....	30,000
1868.....	16,620	.....	.....	35,000
1869.....	17,586	.....	.....	40,000
1870.....	18,717	.....	.....	40,000
1871.....	21,161	7,200	45,600	52,800
1872.....	22,115	9,200	98,000	107,200
1873.....	22,882	10,100	115,000	125,100
1874.....	24,176	10,200	145,000	155,200
1875.....	24,903	11,000	148,000	159,000
1876.....	33,604	11,500	148,000	159,500
1877.....	37,703	12,000	150,000	162,000
1878.....	39,045	15,000	184,200	199,200
1879.....	40,358	15,000	185,500	200,500
1880.....	40,496	12,000	113,585	125,585
1881.....	42,413	12,000	116,932	128,932
1882.....	50,605	10,432	102,610	113,042
1883.....	53,621	13,314	114,960	128,274
1884.....	56,668	11,722	126,376	138,098
1885.....	59,653	15,481	134,068	149,549
1886.....	70,550	19,699	147,616	167,285
1887.....	80,167	22,245	181,921	204,166
1888.....	85,622	23,964	206,437	240,401
1889.....	91,693	44,416	219,668	264,084

NOTE.—Prior to 1880 the statistics of the use of the library were estimated. The figures are given above as they were reported from year to year, but the accurate record which has since been kept makes evident the fact that the estimates were not very close.

APPENDIX B.

Following is a list of donors to the Library during the year, and the number of bound volumes and pamphlets given by each :

	Vol.	Pamph.
Adams, H. C., Washington.....	1	..
Albany Law School.....	..	2
Albion College, Albion.....	..	1
Amee, W. A., Boston.....	3	..
American College and Education Society, Boston.....	..	6
" Missionary Association, New York.....	1	..
" Unitarian Association, Boston.....	..	1
Amherst College, Amherst.....	..	1
Anderson, E. J., Trenton, N. J.....	..	1
Apprentices' Library, Philadelphia.....	..	1
Astor Library, New York.....	..	1
Atherton, F., Waterbury, Me.....	..	1
Barden, J. H., Providence.....	..	3
Barkley, J. M., Detroit.....	..	1
Bates, L. J., Detroit.....	..	12
Bell, George, London.....	1	..
Benet, S. V., Washington.....	1	..
Betton, F. H., Topeka.....	1	..
Bishop, Jas., Trenton, N. J.....	2	..
Bloor, A. J., New York.....	..	2
Boston Museum Fine Arts.....	..	1
Botsford, Fred, New Haven.....	..	4
Bowditch, J. B., Providence.....	1	..
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.....	..	1
Brainerd, H., St. Albans, Vt.....	..	1
Brooklyn Library.....	..	2
" Standard Union.....	1	..
Brown, H. B., Detroit.....	19	..
Brown, J. T. R., Detroit.....	1	..
Brymner, D., Ottawa.....	1	..

	Vol.	Pamph.
Buffalo Library		1
Burr, Mrs. I. H., Detroit	1	..
Burr, W. H., Detroit		3
Butler, A. P., Columbia, S. C.		6
California Pioneers, Society of		1
Campbell, J. V., Detroit		53
Carleton E. D., Spirit Lake		2
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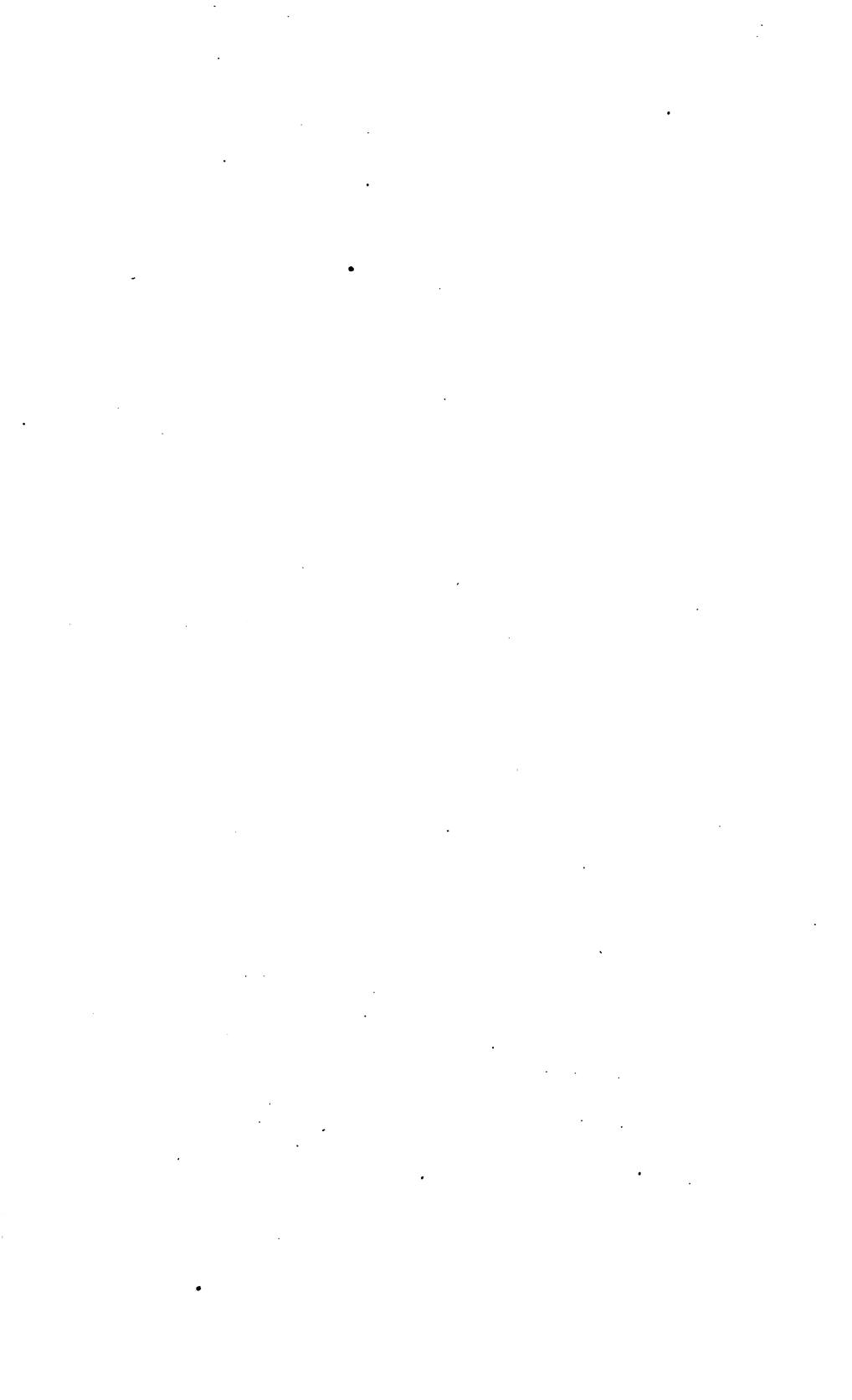
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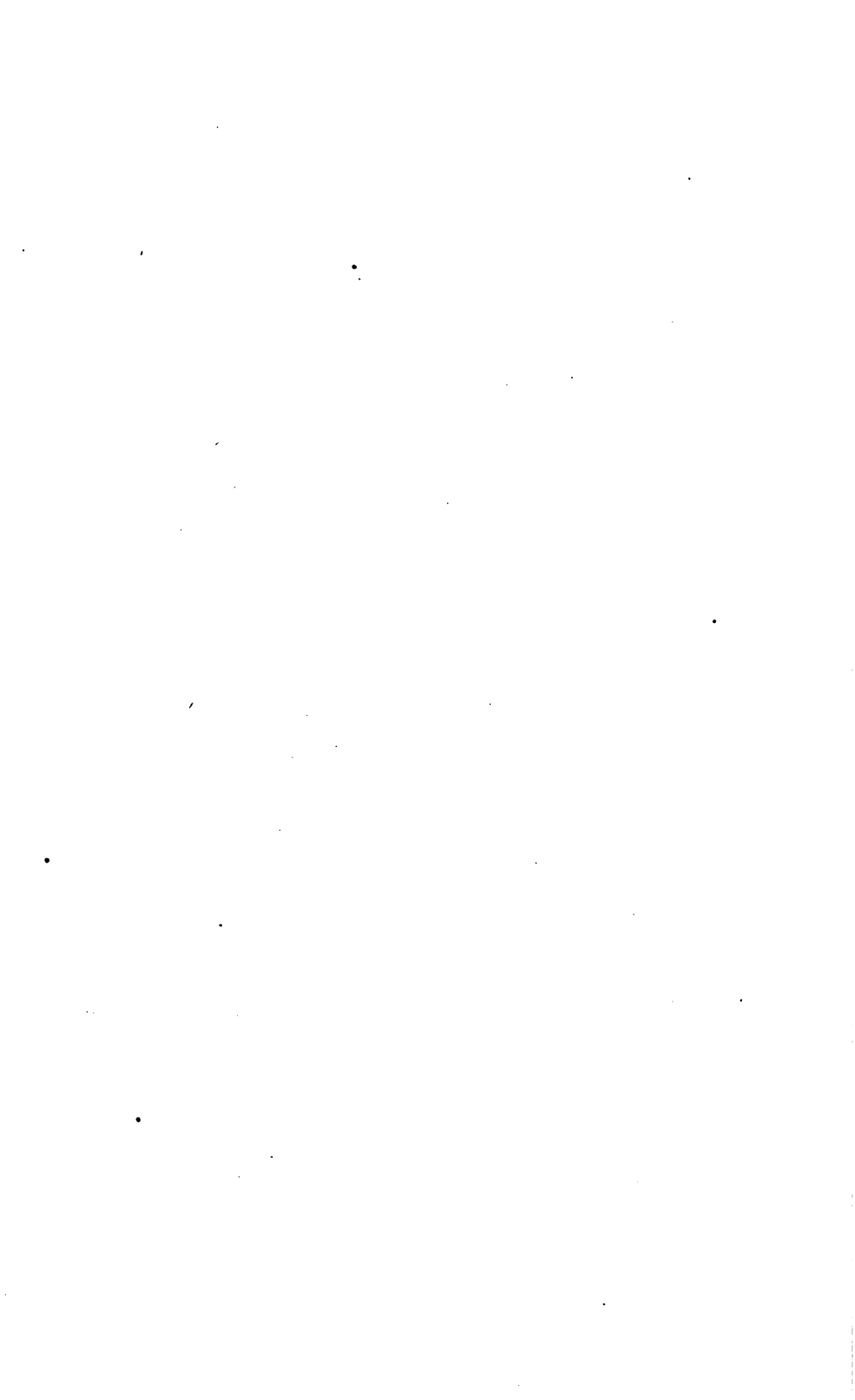
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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Board of Education:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith transmit to your honorable body the report of the Public Library for the year 1890. The details of the expenses and of the growth and operations of the library during the year are shown in the accompanying reports of the Secretary and Librarian. Statistics, however, cannot fully set forth the usefulness and popularity of the institution, which are shown in many very encouraging ways by the growing extent of applications for books by classes and clubs, organized for systematic study, and a cultivation of a taste for good reading among the children in our public schools.

The necessity for more room in which to enable the public to make use of the facilities which the library affords, as well as for storage of books and the work of the library, to which reference was made in our last annual report, becomes more and more pronounced as time passes. This subject is forced upon our attention and cannot be ignored. Some decisive measures must be adopted, and what those measures shall be ought to be taken into thoughtful consideration.

The Librarian and his assistants have been diligent and have discharged their important duties faithfully and the work in the library appears to go on quietly and with satisfactory order and business method.

GEO. S. HOSMER, *President.*

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To the Commissioners of the Detroit Public Library :

In compliance with the rule of the Board, I herewith present my report of the receipts and disbursements on account of the Library during the Calendar year 1890.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand January 1st, 1890.....	\$21,463 39
City Taxes, 1890.....	\$29,506 93
“ “ 1889.....	1,638 66
“ “ previous years.....	312 60
	<hr/> 31,458 19
County Treas., fines and penalties.....	5,671 67
Interest on deposits.....	792 17
Library fines.....	761 90
Sales of catalogues.....	83 65
Sales of duplicate books.....	28 30
Lost books paid for.....	40 43
Miscellaneous.....	50 45
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Total receipts.....	\$60,350 15

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for books and pamphlets.....	\$11,597 20
“ “ periodical subscriptions	918 66
“ “ binding and repair of books.....	2,381 06
“ “ light	1,092 28
“ “ fuel	458 00
“ “ stationery and blanks.....	272 12
“ “ library supplies.....	197 36
“ “ janitor's supplies.....	37 49
“ “ postage.....	169 07
“ “ freight and express.....	229 71
“ “ repairs	123 78
“ “ furniture	46 30
“ “ insurance.....	403 73
“ “ miscellaneous.....	255 08
“ “ janitor service.....	2,001 00
“ “ salaries of librarian and assistants.....	13,053 34
“ “ printing and binding catalogues.....	3,606 36
Total disbursements.....	\$36,842 54
Balance on hand December 31, 1890.....	\$23,507 61

The above balance does not indicate a surplus, as some might infer, but the working funds of the library for the next six months. While the year of the Commission commences on January 1st, its fiscal year is the same as that of the City of Detroit, and begins July 1st.

HERBERT BOWEN, *Secretary.*

DETROIT, January, 1891.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Commissioners of the Public Library :

GENTLEMEN :—Following is my report of the growth and work of the library during the year 1890 :

Number of books in the library Jan. 1, 1890.....	91,693
Added since by purchase.....	9,097
" " gift.....	1,095
" " exchange.....	16
" " binding periodicals.....	438 10,646
Total.....	102,339
Deduct, discarded.....	801
" lost.....	58
" sold and exchanged.....	130 989
Number of books Dec. 31, 1890.....	101,350

The following shows the net increase during the year in the number of books in the most important classes :

Fiction.....	1,899
Biography.....	1,411
Description, travel, etc.....	981
History.....	934
Religion and Philosophy.....	575
English literature, poetry, etc.....	516
Natural sciences.....	305
Arts, fine and useful.....	270

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LIBRARY CARDS.

The number of library cards now outstanding is 18,744, as against 16,375 a year ago. The life of a card is five years. The following shows the number issued annually during this period:

1886	3,228
1887	3,269
1888	3,354
1889	3,644
1890	5,249
Total	18,744

USE OF THE LIBRARY.

The library was open as usual 309 days for the drawing of books for home reading, and 364 days for use of books and periodicals in the building. Following is a general summary:

Number of books drawn out for home reading	228,817
“ “ consulted in the library	64,060
Total use of books in 1890	292,877
“ “ “ 1889	264,084
Increase in 1890	28,793
Number of books used in 1890	292,877
“ periodicals “	116,324
Total use of library in 1890	409,201
“ “ “ 1889	374,970
Increase in 1890	34,231

I think it right to mention in connection with the foregoing that it by no means shows the entire use of the books of the library. In the matter of circulation, the 1,500 books furnished to the High School are drawn out but once a year, and the 1,000 books supplied to the Grammar schools are sent out but six times a year. Yet the principals of schools report all those books in daily use. Estimating on the basis of partial statistics gathered, these books should add at least

40,000 to the circulation. In the matter of books consulted in the building, the figures given are for books delivered on the blank applications distributed to the tables. The alcoves in which are kept the books on fine arts, architecture, etc., the patent gazettes, specifications, etc., the U. S. Census, almanacs and other books of general statistics, city directories, dictionaries, catalogues, indexes and atlases are open freely to the public to help themselves without restrictions and the key to the room in which are kept the bound newspapers is accessible to all reliable individuals. As may be supposed, scores of persons make daily use of these privileges, and in the nature of the case it is impossible to keep any record or even to venture any trustworthy estimate of the books thus used. Observation shows that it is considerable.

The following shows the number of books drawn for home reading each month in the year, and the daily average, compared with the preceeding year :

1889.				1890.		
Months.	No. Days.	Total Circulation.	Average per Day.	No. Days.	Total Circulation.	Average per Day.
January.	26	21,616	831	26	22,460	864
February. . . .	24	20,301	846	24	20,058	836
March.	26	22,867	879	26	23,421	900
April.	25	18,344	734	26	19,284	742
May.	27	18,445	683	27	16,415	608
June.	25	16,641	666	25	14,555	582
July.	13	8,830	681	26	18,220	700
August.	27	17,710	656	26	17,114	659
September.	25	16,025	641	26	19,431	747
October.	27	19,876	736	27	19,471	721
November.	25	19,939	798	24	19,566	815
December.	25	19,074	763	26	18,822	724
Total.	295	219,668	668	309	228,817	741

The character of the books drawn out for home reading for each of the past four years is shown in the following statement :

	1887. per cent.	1888. per cent.	1889 per cent.	1890. per cent.
History, Biography and Travel.....	6.68	6.95	8.77	10.76
Literature, Poetry and Drama.....	3.80	4.31	4.66	4.70
Religion and Philosophy.....	.93	1.00	1.27	1.58
Science and Arts.....	3.23	3.06	4.01	5.12
Fiction	65.32	62.87	59.50	56.46
Juvenile books.....	14.92	15.72	15.58	15.34
German.....	3.86	4.10	4.35	4.15
French and Minor Languages.....	.48	.95	.90	1.04
Miscellaneous.....	.78	1.02	.91	.85

READING FOR THE YOUNG.

The foregoing table illustrates in my opinion the good work done in the public schools in the way of instructing and guiding young people in the selection of their reading, and in cultivating a taste for the more substantial classes of books. It is only within the last three or four years that systematic measures have been pursued in the schools to broaden the instruction imparted by going beyond the text books. The education which inspires an appetite for independent investigation of subjects, for the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake, is an education which is only begun in the school and which goes on through life. It is in this latter stage that the Public Library is a necessary factor. The young man or woman who is taught in school how to read, and whose taste in the selection of reading is guided in the right direction, finds after passing beyond the portals of the school house that with the aid which the library affords he or she may still tread the same delightful path, and enjoy in books the companionship of the most noble and gifted minds. It is on the basis of the service thus rendered the people that the maintenance of the library by public taxation is justified.

It stands on the same ground as the public school, which it should complement and supplement. It is needless to say that the present administration of the library is thoroughly in earnest in its efforts to make the institution useful in the largest and best sense, and especially to facilitate in every possible way the movement to encourage the reading by young people of only the most suitable books.

The list of books supplied to the schools has been considerably enlarged, and although the number of pupils in the grades for which they are intended is made the basis for the distribution, the larger proportion is given to the most distant schools. It is found that these books are in great demand in the families of the school children, many of whom live so far from the library that it is very inconvenient for them to come to it for books. The school houses thus become practically branch libraries from which books are obtained for home reading. This plan may properly be extended within reasonable limits.

DONATIONS.

The list of gifts to the library, published as an appendix to this report, compares favorably with that of previous years, and shows that the library has been by no means forgotten by its friends. There are, however, two or three matters which could not well be included in that list and which deserve special mention.

Hon. J. W. McGrath, who was Secretary of the Commission appointed by President Cleveland in 1886 to select a site for the new government building, has presented to the library the papers and minutes, including the final report, of that Commission.

Hon. D. C. Holbrook has presented to the library a number of papers of great historical interest, among them autograph letter of Judge Woodward, May 1808, to Gov. Hull, declining to administer to him the oath of office; presentments of grand jury 1805-11, memorials, petitions and other documents dated in the first decade of this century.

The books, papers and documents collected by the Michigan Historical Society are now in the possession of the library. A safe place has been prepared for them in a fire-proof room where they may be preserved for all time, and where they are accessible for purposes of investigation. It has been the hope of the library authorities that citizens having in their possession papers of historical value would deposit them here, even if they do not part with the ownership of them.

There are, without doubt, many such papers in Detroit homes, where they are exposed to danger from fire, from destruction by mice, or by the ruthless hand of the rag gatherers, which should be rescued before it is too late. It is to be hoped that the example of Mr. Holbrook and Judge McGrath, in this respect, will be followed by many.

CRAMPED QUARTERS.

As the library grows and its use increases from year to year, the ill adaptation of the building to library purposes becomes more and more apparent. The small and dark alcoves are not suited to anything but book storage. The main floor affords no room for reading or study, and is already uncomfortably crowded on busy days. There have been days in which nearly 2,000 people visited the library, and at certain hours on those days it may well be supposed, the people were huddled in an unpleasant fashion. There is a very considerable use of the library by persons who are investigating subjects which

require the consultation of a number of books and facilities for writing or taking notes. This is a use of the library which should be encouraged and there should be suitable provision for it. A number of separate reading and study rooms are much needed, and especially should such an one be provided for ladies. For work of the character mentioned absolute quiet is essential, and this cannot be had in the large open room in which the public throng at all hours of the day and evening. In modern library buildings rooms are planned for study and for seminary reading, but it is not possible to improvise any within the walls of the present building. The space devoted to the public who seek books that circulate is over-crowded at certain times, but the whole main floor is already given up to this purpose and cannot be enlarged.

There is ample room for the erection of a building in front of the present one, and it cannot be utilized a day too soon. Such building should be planned in accordance with approved modern ideas of libraries for large cities, with all the facilities for library work so conspicuously lacking in the present structure, and with a book capacity to serve the purposes of the city for fifty years to come.

CATALOGUES.

The printing of the general catalogue was finished in March and the whole volume, making 1,113 pages was at once brought into active use. Very few persons seem inclined to invest in it at the price charged, \$2.50, but it is freely used in the building. Bulletin No. 1, being really a continuation of the catalogue to January 1, 1890, was issued early in the spring. Bulletin No. 2, bringing the catalogue down to date, is nearly ready for the printer. The present plan is to publish these bulletins annually, and at the end of each period of five

years consolidate them into a single alphabet and publish them as supplements to the general catalogue. This is probably the most economical and satisfactory scheme that can be adopted with reference to printed catalogues, but even then they become in the course of years a burden.

The card catalogue, bulky as that must become in time, even now largely supplements the printed catalogue in popular use. For the purpose of making it as complete and useful as possible, special attention is now being paid to its revision and enlargement.

The first edition of a small catalogue of Good Books for Young People was exhausted some time ago, and a second edition somewhat enlarged is now in preparation. The purpose is to aid young persons in the selection of their reading, by placing in their hands classified lists of unobjectionable books.

BINDING AND REPAIR OF BOOKS.

During the year 2,583 books were bound under contract in binderies in the city, at a cost of \$1,132.22, or a trifle less than 44 cents per volume on the average. The bindery and repair shop in the building was maintained as usual with two employees. The work done therein consisted of 363 volumes re-bound, 1,312 re-sewed and re-cased, 26 re-backed and 2,609 repaired, beside the making of 44 pamphlet boxes and some miscellaneous work, such as making indexes, scratch blocks, pasting labels, etc. The expense of maintaining the shop was \$944.09, of which \$917.50 was for wages and \$26.59 for material.

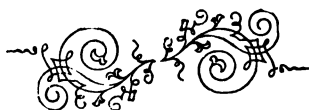
IN CONCLUSION

I have to report that all the affairs of the library connected with its administration and interior working have gone on

harmoniously. There have been no changes in the staff. All the library assistants have labored faithfully and unselfishly for the promotion of its best interests, and to make it as useful and helpful as possible in its sphere. Most of these have been connected with it for many years, and I am most happy to commend their valuable services.

Very respectfully,

H. M. UTLEY, *Librarian.*



APPENDIX A.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS OF THE ANNUAL GROWTH AND USE OF THE LIBRARY.

Year.	No. Volumes at end of Year.	Library Read'g during Year.	Home Reading during Year.	Total Use during Year.
1865.....	8,864	.....	.....	4,700
1866.....	10,509	.....	.....	15,000
1867.....	15,020	.....	.....	30,000
1868.....	16,620	.....	.....	35,000
1869.....	17,586	.....	.....	40,000
1870.....	18,717	.....	.....	40,000
1871.....	21,161	7,200	45,600	52,800
1872.....	22,115	9,200	98,000	107,200
1873.....	22,882	10,100	115,000	125,100
1874.....	24,176	10,200	145,000	155,200
1875.....	24,903	11,000	148,000	159,000
1876.....	33,604	11,500	148,000	159,500
1877.....	37,703	12,000	150,000	162,000
1878.....	39,045	15,000	184,200	199,200
1879.....	40,358	15,000	185,500	200,500
1880.....	40,496	12,000	113,585	125,585
1881.....	42,413	12,000	116,932	128,932
1882.....	50,605	10,432	102,610	113,042
1883.....	53,621	13,314	114,960	128,274
1884.....	56,668	11,722	126,376	138,098
1885.....	59,653	15,481	134,068	149,549
1886.....	70,550	19,699	147,616	167,285
1887.....	80,167	22,245	181,921	204,166
1888.....	85,622	23,964	206,437	240,401
1889.....	91,693	44,416	219,668	264,084
1890.....	101,350	64,060	228,817	292,877

APPENDIX B.

Following is a list of donors to the library during the year
and the number of volumes and pamphlets given by each :

	Vol.	Pamph.
Adams, H. C., Washington.....	1	..
American Express Company.....	..	2
American Otological Society.....	..	1
Amherst College.....	..	2
Apprentice's Library, Philadelphia.....	..	1
Armstrong, Mrs. J. A., Detroit.....	12	..
Astor Library, N. Y.....	..	1
Athenæum Library Boston.....	..	1
Bishop, Mrs. Levi, Detroit.....	32	..
Boston Citizens' Association.....	..	2
Boston and Maine R. R. Co.....	2	..
Bowdoin College.....	..	2
Bowen, Herbert, Detroit.....	3	..
Boutell, L. H., Chicago.....	1	..
Buffalo Historical Society.....	..	1
Buffalo Library.....	..	1
Burns, C. F., N. Y.....	..	1
Burr, W. H., Detroit.....	2	..
Burton, C. M., Detroit.....	1	..
Butler, H. L., Trenton, N. J.....	..	1
Brebuier, Chas., Toronto.....	..	10
Brodie, Wm., Detroit.....	25	58
Brooklyn Library.....	..	2
Brymner, D., Ottawa.....	1	..
California State Library.....	1	..
Central Pacific R. R. Co.....	1	2
Chaney, H. A., Detroit.....	1	..
Chicago Board of Trade.....	1	..
Chicago Citizens' Association.....	..	1
Chipman, J. L., Detroit.....	..	6
Columbia College.....	..	1
Conely, E. F., Detroit.....	4	..
Connecticut R. R. Commission.....	1	..

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	Vol.	Pamph.
Cornell University.....	..	1
Crandall, L., Washington.....	..	1
Crapo, W. W., New Bedford, Mass.....	3	..
Creerar, John, Estate of, Chicago.....	..	1
Creighton College, Omaha.....	..	1
Crocker, W. H., Boston.....	..	1
Cust, Robert, London, Eng.....	8	2
Daughty, F. W., Brooklyn.....	..	1
Davis, E. E., Boston.....	..	1
Demuth, H. C., Lancaster, Pa.....	1	..
DePauw University.....	..	1
DePeyster, J. W., N. Y.....	..	2
Detroit Bar Library.....	571	73
Detroit Journal.....	..	1
Duffield, D. B., Detroit.....	..	1
Duffield, S. P., Detroit.....	11	..
Edwards, Rev. T., Detroit.....	..	1
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.....	..	5
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.....	..	1
Frazer, P., Philadelphia.....	..	1
Friends Free Library, Germantown, Pa.....	..	1
German-American Stenographic Ass'n N. Y.....	..	1
Gloversville, (N. Y.) Free Library.....	..	1
Gompers, Samuel, N. Y.....	..	5
Gonzales, A. E., Columbia, S. C.....	..	1
Goodwin, A. K., Providence, R. I.....	1	..
Green, S. A., Boston.....	3	110
Green, W. B., N. Y.....	..	3
Green, S. S., Worcester, Mass.....	..	1
Griswold, W. M., Cambridge, Mass.....	..	2
Hale, Horatio, Clinton, Ont.....	..	2
Hall, E. H., Boston.....	..	1
Hartford Library.....	..	5
Hartford Theological Seminary.....	..	10
Harvard University.....	1	10
Heath, A. H., Lansing.....	1	..
Hopkins, G. H., Detroit.....	2	..
Hosmer, G. S., Detroit.....	..	2
Hotchkiss, S. M., Hartford, Conn.....	1	..
Howard, G. E., Lincoln, Neb.....	..	2
Hull, Fanny, Brooklyn.....	..	1
Indian Rights Association, Phila.....	..	2
Ingersoll, E. Phila.....	1	..

	Vol.	Pamph.
Iowa Historical Society.....	..	1
Irelan, Wm., Sacramento.....	1	..
Iverson, Blakeman & Co., N. Y.....	1	..
Johns Hopkins University.....	..	1
Kansas Academy of Science.....	1	..
" Board of Agriculture.....	..	8
" Historical Society.....	1	..
" State Library.....	..	1
Keep, W. J., Detroit.....	..	1
King, J. R., Detroit.....	..	1
Kronberg, A. G., Detroit.....	2	..
Lane, G. M., Detroit.....	..	1
Lawrence, R. M., Lexington, Mass.....	1	..
Lawton, C. D., Lawton.....	1	..
Lillibridge, W. M., Detroit.....	8	..
London, (Eng.,) Corporation of.....	1	..
Luce, C. G., Lansing.....	3	..
MacFarlane, Jno., Detroit.....	1	..
McKnight, D. A., N. Y.....	1	..
McLaughlin, J. W., Austin, Tex.....	..	1
Maimonides Library, N. Y.....	..	1
Manchester, (N. H.,) City Library.....	..	1
Mann, Lewis, Detroit.....	1	..
Massachusetts Club, Boston.....	..	1
Massachusetts, Commonwealth of.....	10	1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology.....	..	2
Mercantile Library, Cincinnati.....	..	1
" " N. Y.....	..	2
" " Philadelphia.....	..	1
" " San Francisco.....	..	1
" " St. Louis.....	..	1
Meriwether, L., Jefferson City, Mo.....	..	3
Michigan Agricultural College.....	..	11
Michigan Pioneer Society.....	1	..
Minnesota Academy of Sciences.....	..	1
Morris, Jno., Baltimore.....	1	..
Mosely, E. A., Washington.....	1	..
Newberry Library, Chicago.....	..	1
New Jersey Board of Agriculture.....	1	..
" Bureau of Labor.....	2	..
" Geological Survey.....	1	..
New York Civil Service Commission.....	1	..
" State Library.....	..	1

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	Vol.	Pamph.
New York City Y. M. C. A.....	..	1
" Free Circulating Library.....	..	2
" Tribune.....	..	3
Newton, W. K., Paterson, N. J.....	..	1
Niagara Reservation Commission.....	..	1
O'Hanlon, J. C., Dublin.....	..	1
Ohio Meteorological Bureau.....	..	7
Osmun, G. R., Lansing.....	6	..
Pennsylvania Historical Society.....	1	..
Philadelphia Library.....	..	2
Pittman's, (Isaac) Sons, N. Y.....	7	..
Portland, (Ore.,) Library.....	..	1
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn.....	..	1
Public Library, Boston.....	2	2
" " Bridgeport, Conn.....	..	1
" " Brookline, Mass.....	..	1
" " Chicago.....	..	12
" " Cincinnati.....	1	1
" " Cleveland.....	..	1
" " Columbus.....	..	1
" " Dayton.....	..	1
" " Denver.....	..	1
" " Elizabeth, N. J.....	..	1
" " Grand Rapids.....	..	2
" " Hamilton, Ont.....	1	1
" " Indianapolis.....	..	1
" " Lawrence, Mass.....	..	1
" " Lynn, Mass.....	..	1
" " Manchester, Eng.....	..	1
" " Milwaukee.....	2	4
" " Minneapolis.....	1	8
" " Newark, N. J.....	1	1
" " Newburgh, N. Y.....	..	1
" " New Bedford.....	..	1
" " New Haven.....	..	2
" " Omaha.....	..	1
" " Plymouth, Eng.....	..	1
" " Providence.....	..	1
" " Salem, Mass.....	..	4
" " San Francisco.....	..	1
" " St. Louis.....	..	1
" " St. Paul.....	..	1
" " Taunton, Mass.....	..	1

	Vol.	Pamph.
Public Library, Toledo.....	..	1
“ “ Topeka .....	..	6
“ “ Toronto.....	..	2
“ “ Utica.....	..	1
“ “ Worcester.....	1	1
Quinby, W. E., Detroit.....	7	207
Redmondino, P. C., San Diego.....	..	1
Rich, J. T., Lansing.....	1	..
Romero, Senor, Washington.....	..	1
Roseneau, N. S., Buffalo.....	..	1
Royal Society of Canada.....	1	..
Rutgers College.....	..	1
Sage Library, West Bay City.....	..	1
Sawin, J. M., Providence.....	..	1
Shakespeare Memorial Library, Stratford on Avon.....	..	1
Skinner, E. C., Detroit.....	..	10
Smithsonian Institution.....	8	..
South Carolina Department of Agriculture .....	..	4
Springfield, (Mass.) City Library.....	..	1
Storrs, L. C. Lansing.....	..	2
Stryker, W. S., Trenton, N. J.....	1	..
Tappan, H., Yale, Mich.....	1	..
United States Bureau of Education.....	2	10
“ Coast and Geodetic Survey.....	..	13
“ Department of Agriculture.....	6	51
“ “ Interior	198	34
“ “ Navy.....	1	..
“ “ Post Office.....	2	..
“ “ State.....	35	15
“ “ Treasury	8	28
“ “ War	6	..
“ Fish Commission.....	9	..
“ Interstate Commerce.....	1	2
“ Labor Bureau.....	2	..
“ Patent Office.....	6	..
“ Pension Bureau.....	..	1
“ Signal Service.....	8	5
“ Supervising Inspector Steam Vessels.....	1	2
“ Supervising Surg. Gen. Marine Hospitals....	1	..
“ Surgeon General.....	1	1
University of California.....	1	5
“ Iowa	5
“ Michigan	2

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	Vol.	Pamph.
University of Pennsylvania	1
Upson, J. S., New Brunswick, N. J.....	1	1
Valentine, C. L., Madison, Wis.....	..	1
Van Rensselaer, Rev. M., N. Y.....	1	..
Vermynne, J. J. B., New Bedford.....	..	4
Wabash College.....	..	1
Waggaman, T. E., N. Y.....	..	2
Walker, B., Detroit.....	2	5
Walker, C. I., Detroit.....	4	10
Washburn, W. T., N. Y.....	1	..
Washington Centennial Committee, Chicago.....	1	..
Waterhouse, S., St. Louis.....	..	8
Watkins, A. L., Detroit.....	16	..
Western Michigan Diocese.....	..	1
Whitney, R. E., Portland, Ore.....	1	..
Wight, S. G. Detroit.....	1	..
Wilcox, G. A., Detroit.....	1	..
Wilmington, (Del.) Institute.....	..	1
Wisconsin Historical Society.....	1	4
Woodruff, W., Salt Lake City.....	2	..
Worcester, (Mass.) Polytechnic Institute.....	..	1
Yale University.....
Total.....	1,095	933





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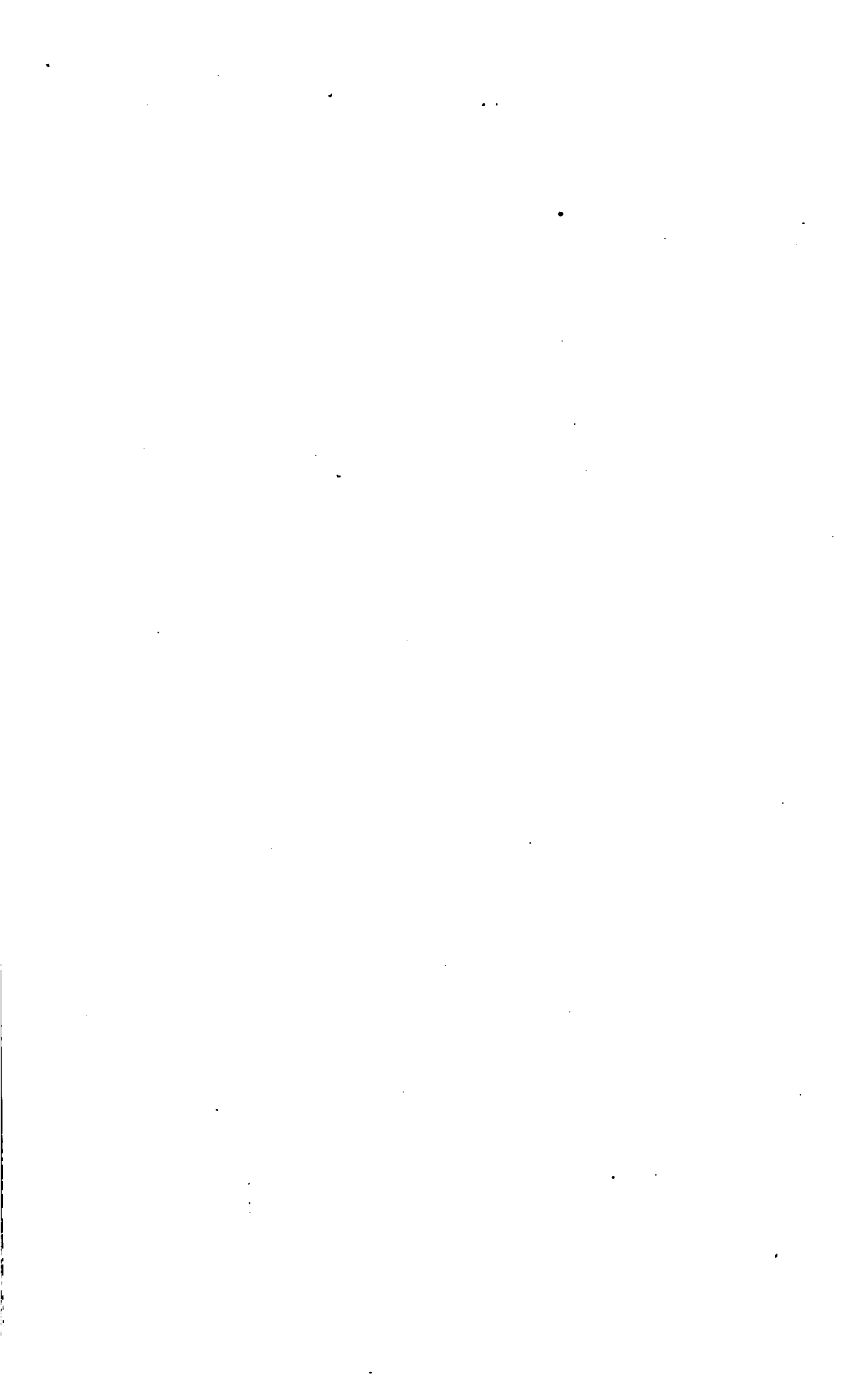
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FOR THE YEAR 1891.



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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Board of Education:

GENTLEMEN—The financial and other statistics will be found in the accompanying reports of the Secretary and the Librarian. The former shows the unusually large sum of \$12,953.59 received from statutory sources through the County Treasurer. The receipts from this source fluctuate violently and unaccountably, from less than \$3,000 to nearly \$13,000, in a short period, so that ordinarily no account can be taken of them in regulating expenditures. The average annual sum for the preceding twelve years was \$6,089.11; thus the amount received last year was more than twice the average. For this reason the balance on hand at the close of the year, preserved for the maintenance of the library until the taxes for another year are available, is slightly larger than usual.

The statistics compiled by the Librarian indicate that the popular use of the library has not diminished, but on the contrary has steadily and perceptibly grown. The figures, however, do not show the full facts. There is a very large use of the library by persons who go directly to the shelves and in the nature of the case no reliable record of the volumes thus used can be kept and so it is not attempted. It is gratifying to the Commission to see this evidence of the popular appreciation by the citizens of Detroit of the advantages which the library afford.

The organization of University Extension courses in history of literature, Shakespearean literature, political economy and chemistry during the present winter has opened up an enlarged field for the work of the library. Large classes have

attended the lectures and have made use of the books of the library in their study. There has also been an increase in the number of private clubs organized for special reading, and the demand for books has been such that in some instance it has been thought advisable to add duplicate copies, in order to accommodate as many persons as possible. The use of the library by members of these clubs and classes makes more evident every day the lack of suitable accommodation for them. One or two rooms are wanted, especially one for ladies, where study and making notes can go on without jostling and interruption. There are several flourishing art schools in the city, the students of which come constantly to the library to make use of the valuable art works which it possesses. But a dark and narrow alcove is the only place that can be found for them. An art room, or rooms, is badly wanted.

The arrangement entered into with your honorable board three years ago, by which library books are supplied to the public schools, has proved so successful that the limits have been gradually extended. Within the past year upwards of one thousand books have been bought for this special purpose, and they are now sent to all the schools covered by grades above the primary. This takes them into twenty-eight of the school houses. It appears from statements made by the principals that the plan is a very popular one; that the books are in great demand among the children, and that they are taken home and read by other members of the family. The selection of the books was made by a committee of the principals, who are presumed to be the best judges of what is suitable and interesting for their pupils. After nearly three years' experience the list was thoroughly revised last fall. In the grammar grades it does not comprise a great number of books, but the library board has aimed to buy enough copies so that every child might have an opportunity to read every book. In the high school grades the books are designed to be used in connection with class studies as supplementary to the text books, and not for popular reading. The list, therefore, is quite an extensive one, though in nearly all cases less than a half dozen copies are re-

quired. All reports from principals which have reached us concur in the statement that this use of library books has become a very important and valuable feature of instruction in our public schools. It is gratifying to this Commission to be thus able to co-operate with your honorable board in promoting one of the main objects for which the public library was established.

I must again call attention to the crowded condition of the library and express the hope that some movement may be set on foot before another year shall roll around for enlarging the building.

GEO. S. HOSMER,
President.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To the Commissioners of the Public Library:

In compliance with the rules, I submit a statement of the receipts and disbursements during the calendar year 1891. It should be understood that the fiscal year of the city begins with July 1st, and, therefore, the balance on hand will constitute the working funds of the library until the beginning of the next fiscal year.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand January 1st, 1891.....	\$23,507 61
City taxes, 1891.....	\$30,059 56
“ “ 1890.....	1,489 21
“ “ previous years.....	328 34
	<hr/> 31,877 11
County Treasurer, fines and penalties.....	12,953 59
Interest on deposits.....	1,054 66
Library fines.....	846 11
Sales of catalogues.....	105 50
Sales of duplicate books, etc.....	16 12
For lost books.....	29 52
Miscellaneous.....	6 25
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Total.....	\$70,396 47

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for books and pamphlets.....	\$13,396 59
“ “ periodical subscriptions.....	1,035 53
“ “ binding and repair of books.....	3,321 79
“ “ light.....	1,038 81
“ “ fuel.....	504 75
“ “ stationery and blanks.....	434 50
“ “ supplies.....	204 34

Paid for postage	\$	184	02
“ “ freight and express		218	86
“ “ repairs		676	4 ¹ / ₂
“ “ furniture		308	46
“ “ insurance		207	89
“ “ miscellaneous		462	00
“ “ janitor service		1,726	00
“ “ salaries, librarian and assistants		13,778	78
“ “ printing and binding catalogues		832	32

Total disbursements.....\$38,280 06

Balance on hand December 31, 1891..... 32,116 41

HERBERT BOWEN,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Commissioners of the Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:—Following is my report, showing statistics, etc., of the library, for 1891:

The number of library readers has increased by more than 2,000, as shown by statement of annual issue of library cards.

Library cards issued in 1887.....	3,269
“ “ 1888.....	3,354
“ “ 1889.....	3,644
“ “ 1890.....	5,249
“ “ 1891.....	5,433
Total outstanding cards.....	20,949

BOOK ACCESSIONS.

Number of books in library January 1, 1891.....	101,350
Added since by purchase.....	8,131
“ “ gift.....	430
“ “ exchange.....	12
“ “ binding periodicals.....	545
	9,118
Total.....	110,468
Withdrawn, worn out.....	804
“ lost and paid for.....	32
“ sold and exchanged.....	912
	1,748
Number of books December 31, 1891.....	108,720

The following shows the accessions during the year in each of the several classes, the total in the library and the relation which each class bears to the whole:

	Accessions 1891.	Total.	Percent- age.
Bibliography, cyclopedias, dictionaries.....	99	1,707	1.58
Bound periodicals, general.....	502	7,849	7.22
Philosophy, mental and moral.....	97	1,218	1.15
Religion.....	493	7,227	6.65
Administration, federal and local public doc's....	617	8,933	8.21
Sociology.....	604	6,822	6.30
Philology.....	56	537	.50
Natural sciences.....	522	7,360	6.77
Useful arts.....	397	3,482	3.20
Fine arts.....	245	2,360	2.08
Literature.....	637	8,544	7.86
Biography.....	788	8,517	7.85
Geography, travel, description.....	569	7,669	7.05
History.....	838	10,787	9.95
Fiction and juvenile.....	2,163	16,958	15.59
German.....	46	4,098	3.77
French.....	198	3,436	3.16
Greek and Latin.....	1	674	.62
Italian and Spanish.....	8	170	.15
Polish.....	238	238	.22
Minor languages.....	....	134	.12
Total.....	9,118	108,720	100.00

USE OF BOOKS.

The library was open 309 days for the drawing of books for home reading, and every day in the year, except the Fourth of July, for use of books and periodicals in the building. The following statement shows the use of the library compared with the preceding year.

Number of books drawn out for home reading.....	274,060	
" " consulted in the library.....	81,420	
Total use of books in 1891.....	355,480	
" " " 1890.....	292,877	
Increase in 1891.....		62,603
Number of books used in 1891.....	355,480	
" periodicals used in 1891.....	123,836	
Total use of library in 1891.....		479,316
" " " 1890.....		409,201
Increase in 1891.....		70,115

There is also a very large use of which no statistics can be kept. The alcoves containing patent gazettes, specifications, books of statistics, atlases, directories, dictionaries and indexes, as well as books on architecture and fine arts, are open to the public and are constantly used, frequently to overcrowding. As the public help themselves to these books there is no way of keeping a record of such use. I wish again to call attention to the necessity for providing at the earliest practicable day improved facilities for study and consultation of books. Many art school students and young architects who desire to make use of the library are hampered by the lack of adequate conveniences. A small table in a crowded alcove can accommodate only two or three at a time, and there seems to be no other place at present for any sort of consultation except the main library room, which is usually thronged.

The following shows the number of books drawn out for home reading each month in the year, and the daily average, compared with the preceding year:

1890.				1891.		
Months.	No. Days.	Total Circulation.	Average per Day.	No. Days.	Total Circulation.	Average per Day.
January.....	26	22,460	864	26	22,684	872
February.....	24	20,058	836	24	22,347	931
March.....	26	23,421	900	26	24,115	928
April.....	26	19,284	742	26	24,465	941
May.....	27	16,415	608	26	21,661	833
June.....	25	14,555	582	26	18,775	722
July.....	26	18,220	700	26	20,422	786
August.....	26	17,114	659	26	20,124	774
September.....	26	19,431	747	26	23,174	891
October.....	27	19,471	721	27	24,319	935
November.....	24	19,566	815	24	26,111	1,004
December.....	26	18,822	724	26	25,863	995
Total.....	309	228,817	741	309	274,060	887

The character of the books drawn out for home reading for each of the past five years is shown in the following statement:

	1887. percent.	1888. percent.	1889. percent.	1890. percent.	1891. per c't.
History, biography and travel...	6.68	6.95	8.77	10.76	9.50
Literature, poetry and drama...	3.80	4.31	4.66	4.70	4.33
Religion and philosophy.....	.93	1.00	1.27	1.58	1.56
Science and arts.....	3.23	3.08	4.01	5.12	4.48
Fiction.....	65.82	62.87	59.50	56.46	57.80
Juvenile books.....	14.92	15.72	15.58	15.34	15.71
German.....	3.86	4.10	4.35	4.15	4.34
French and minor languages....	.48	.95	.95	1.04	.93
Miscellaneous.....	.78	1.02	.91	.85	.83
Polish.....					.52

The following shows the annual growth and use of the library for the past ten years:

Year.	No. Vols. at end of Year.	Total Use
1882	50,605	134,088
1883.....	53,621	148,749
1884.....	56,668	163,604
1885.....	59,653	171,833
1886.....	70,550	227,886
1887.....	80,167	291,433
1888.....	85,622	328,903
1889.....	91,693	374,970
1890.....	101,350	409,201
1891.....	108,720	479,316

CATALOGUES.

Bulletin No. 2, being a continuation of the general catalogue issued in 1889, was published early in the year. It comprised 238 pages and contained the titles of over 10,000 books. Bulletin No. 3, arranged on the same plan, is now in the hands of the printer. It contains the titles of books added to the library during the past year.

Early in the year a second edition of Good Books for Young People was brought out. This is a classified list of books on various subjects which are recommended as suitable and entertaining for young persons. The first edition of 500 proved so useful and popular that when it was exhausted a

larger work was deemed desirable. The new edition, therefore, while it contained nearly all the books given in the first, was enlarged to more than double its size. It is, without doubt, a most excellent list of books, any of which may be read with pleasure and profit. An edition of 1,000 was printed, and already nearly half are sold. They are offered at five cents each, which was just the cost of printing. Such an aid and guide to young readers must prove highly useful, and the demand for it proves that it is appreciated.

The work of revising the card catalogue has continued through the year and is yet not very far advanced. This catalogue has been brought up to date, and cards are now inserted when the books are put on the shelves. This proves of great advantage in making the new as well as the old books of the library available for use by the public.

BINDING AND REPAIR OF BOOKS.

The bindery and repair shop in the library was maintained as heretofore at substantially the same expense. In this shop 222 volumes were re-bound, 1,631 re-sewed and re-covered, 3 re-backed and 2,939 repaired. Beside this work considerable was done of a miscellaneous character, such as making pamphlet cases, paper blocks, pasting labels, etc., etc. The binding done by contract in outside shops consisted of 5,128 volumes, at a cost of \$2,378.82, an average of about 46 cents per volume. About four-fifths of this was rebinding of books which came to pieces from use. When re-bound the books are now put up in such substantial form that when they again give out they are no longer worth saving. Books will wear out with use, and the bills for rebinding and replacing these much handled books are only additional proof of the growing use and popularity of the library.

SUNDAY READERS.

A little more than five years ago the library was thrown open on Sunday afternoon and evening for use of books and periodicals in the building. The circulating department is not open, but there are two attendants to supply readers with any book or periodical asked for. It was an experiment at the

outset and was thought by some to be objectionable. But there was no serious remonstrance, and I believe the plan is now generally commended by clergymen and religious people. It is certainly difficult to see any infraction of written or unwritten law in the reading of a good book or periodical in a public any more than in a private library. The number of Sunday readers has steadily increased, as appears by the following statement:

Years.	No. Sunday Readers.	Average per Sunday.
1887.....	5,216	100
1888.....	6,163	118
1889.....	6,767	130
1890.....	6,917	133
1891.....	7,671	146

SCIENTIFIC MUSEUM.

The scientific museum, which is open every day from 2 to 5 o'clock p. m., attracts a large number of visitors, but principally from curiosity. From statistics kept by the curator for a part of the year, he estimates the whole number of visitors at fully 15,000 for the year. Many of these were strangers who were looking at the show places of the city, and included the museum among them. When it is borne in mind that all these people visiting the museum had to pass through the library and reading room coming in and going out, it will be seen that their visits cannot fail to have been more or less a disturbance to those who were in the library for the much more legitimate purpose of consulting or borrowing books. The Detroit Scientific Association, which is the real owner of the museum, has been considering the question of resuming its custody and control. I sincerely hope their plans may succeed, and that the room now occupied by the museum may be vacated at an early day. It is very much needed for library purposes.

If the Library Board is to continue as custodian of the museum I suggest the further extension of the present rear addition to the building. Such extension can be built within the means now in hand, or likely to be in hand before the close of the year, and should provide a room suitable for the museum, with a separate entrance from the street. It should also provide

a newspaper reading room, which would be a relief to our greatly overcrowded periodical reading room; and should further provide work rooms for the library staff, for which no provision whatever was made in the present building.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. UTLEY,
Librarian.

APPENDIX.

Following is a list of donors to the library during the year
and the number of volumes and pamphlets given by each:

	Vol.	Pamph.
A. B. C. F. M., Boston.....	34	..
Albion College.....	..	1
American Bankers' Association.....	..	20
American Bar Association.....	4	..
American Missionary Association.....	1	10
American Unitarian Association.....	..	1
Amherst College.....	..	1
Balch, Geo. T., New York.....	12	2
Bell, James, Brooklyn.....	..	1
Booth, O. H., Poughkeepsie.....	2	..
Boston City Messenger.....	1	..
Boston Congregational Club.....	..	1
Boston Health Department.....	..	3
Bostonian Society.....	..	8
Bowdoin College.....	..	1
Bresler, A. L., Detroit.....	..	1
Brymner, D., Ottawa.....	1	..
Buffalo Historical Society.....	..	1
Burns, C. D., New York.....	..	1
Burton, C. M., Detroit.....	1	1
California Historical Society.....	..	1
Carter, J. C., New York.....	..	1
Chaney, H. A., Detroit.....	8	133
Chicago Board of Trade.....	1	..
Chicago Historical Society.....	..	1
Chipman, J. L., Detroit.....	1	..
Clover, R., Washington.....	1	..
Columbia College.....	1	1
Columbian Exposition Commission.....	..	18
Confederate Veteran Association.....	1	..

	Vol.	Pamph.
Connecticut, State of.....	1	..
Cook, Thomas & Son, New York.....	1	..
Cornell University.....	..	1
Crandall, L., Washington.....	..	1
Crozier, A. A., Ann Arbor.....	..	1
Daniels, G. H., New York.....	..	2
Dedham Historical Society.....	1	..
DePeyster, J. W., New York.....	..	1
Detroit College of Law.....	..	1
Detroit College of Medicine.....	..	2
Duffield, S. P., Detroit.....	..	1
Edison General Electric Co.....	..	1
Edwards, Rev. T., Detroit.....	1	19
Elliott, R. R., Detroit.....	..	1
Ely, R. T., Baltimore.....	..	1
Essex Institute, Salem.....	..	7
Farmer, Silas, Detroit.....	62	190
Fearing, A. C., Jr., Boston.....	1	..
Fell, L. T., Orange, N. J.....	1	..
Flowers, N., Detroit.....	2	..
Foot, A. R., Washington.....	..	2
Fox, T. F., New York.....	..	1
Francisco, M. J., Rutland, Vt.....	..	1
Friends, Society of, Philadelphia.....	..	1
Frothingham, E. L., Salem, Mass.....	1	..
Georgia Department of Agriculture.....	..	5
Gilmore, L. B., Detroit.....	..	2
Green, S. A., Boston.....	29	133
Green, S. S., Worcester.....	..	1
Griffith, A. H., Detroit.....	..	1
Harvard University.....	1	8
Hartford Seminary.....	..	5
Hawley, J. G., Detroit.....	..	1
Hazen, H. A., Boston.....	4	2
Hill, N. P., Colorado Springs.....	1	..
Houston, Wm., Toronto.....	1	..
Howard, G. E., Lincoln, Neb.....	..	1
Hughes, G. T., Duluth.....	..	1
Indiana Bureau of Statistics.....	1	..
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia.....	..	1
Iowa Historical Society.....	..	3
Iowa, State of.....	6	1
Irish Catholic Benevolent Union.....	..	1
Johns Hopkins University.....	..	8

	Vol.	Pamph.
Johnson, C. W., Philadelphia.....	..	1
Kansas Academy of Science.....	1	..
Kansas Board of Agriculture.....	1	3
Kansas Historical Society.....	..	1
Keihle, D. L., St. Paul.....	1	..
Kimball, S. I., Washington.....	1	..
King, Gen. H. C., Brooklyn.....	..	3
Kronberg, A. G., Detroit.....	4	..
Lamb, John, St. Paul.....	1	..
Lane, G. M., Detroit.....	..	1
Libraries—Apprentices', Philadelphia.....	..	1
Astor, New York.....	..	1
Boston Athenaeum.....	..	1
Boston Public.....	..	4
Bronson Library, Waterbury, Conn.....	..	2
Brookline Public.....	..	2
Brooklyn Union for Christian Work.....	..	1
California State.....	3	..
Chicago Public.....	..	16
Cincinnati Public.....	1	2
Cleveland Public.....	..	2
Coldwater Public.....	..	1
Columbus Public.....	..	1
Dayton Public.....	..	2
Denver Public.....	1	1
Fletcher Library, Burlington, Vt.....	..	1
Friends Free Library, Germantown.....	..	1
Grand Island, Neb., Public.....	..	1
Grand Rapids Public.....	..	1
Great Yarmouth, Eng., Free Libraries.....	..	1
Hamilton, Ont., Public.....	..	1
Hartford Public.....	..	3
Hoyt Public, Saginaw.....	1	..
Indianapolis Public.....	..	1
Jackson Public.....	..	1
Jersey City Public.....	1	3
Lafayette, Ind., Public.....	..	2
Lawrence, Mass., Public.....	..	2
Los Angeles Public.....	..	3
Lynn Public.....	..	1
Manchester, Eng., Public.....	..	1
Manchester, N. H., Public.....	..	1
Michigan State.....	10	1
Milwaukee Public.....	..	8

	Vol	Pamph.
Libraries—Minneapolis Public.....	3	4
Newark Public.....	..	7
New Bedford Public.....	..	1
Newberry Library, Chicago.....	..	1
New Haven Public.....	..	1
New Jersey State.....	2	..
Newburgh Public.....	..	1
New York Free Circulating.....	..	1
New York State.....	1	5
Omaha Public.....	1	1
Philadelphia City Institute.....	..	1
Philadelphia Library Co.....	..	2
Plymouth, Eng., Public.....	..	1
Poughkeepsie Public.....	..	1
Providence Public.....	..	2
Reynold's Library, Rochester.....	..	2
St. Joseph, Mo., Public.....	..	2
St. Louis Merchantile.....	..	1
St. Louis Public.....	..	2
St. Paul Public.....	..	1
Salem, Mass., Public.....	1	7
San Francisco Merchantile.....	..	1
San Francisco Public.....	1	..
Springfield, Mass., Public.....	..	7
Southampton, Eng., Public.....	..	1
Swansea, Wales, Public.....	..	1
Taunton Public.....	..	1
Toledo Public.....	..	1
Toronto Public.....	1	2
Utica Public.....	..	1
Warren County, Ill., Public.....	..	2
Worcester Public.....	..	1
London, Corporation of.....	1	..
Lord, J. S., Springfield, Ill.....	1	..
Macatee, W. A., Madison, Wis.....	..	1
Mason, L. D., Brooklyn.....	..	3
Massachusetts, Commonwealth of.....	7	1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology.....	..	2
Maxwell, S. D.....	1	..
Michigan Agricultural College.....	..	7
Michigan Board of Charities.....	1	..
Michigan Board of Health.....	1	..
Michigan Labor Bureau.....	1	..
Michigan Mining School.....	..	5

	Vol.	Pamph.
Michigan Pioneer Society.....	2	..
Michigan Secretary of State.....	6	1
Mills College.....	..	1
Mills, G. T., Carson City.....	..	1
Minnesota, State of.....	..	1
Mizner, T. W., Detroit.....	..	1
National Women's C. T. U.....	..	8
Nebraska Historical Society.....	..	1
New Jersey, State of.....	..	3
New York Civil Service Commission.....	..	1
New York Niagara Reservation Com.....	..	1
New York Forestry Commission.....	1	..
New West Education Commission.....	..	13
Northwestern C. T. U.....	..	2
Ohio Meteorological Bureau.....	..	2
Old Colony Historical Society.....	..	1
Palmer, T. W., Detroit.....	2	..
Peck, A. L., Gloversville, N. Y.....	..	1
Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery.....	..	1
Perkins, N. C., Detroit.....	..	1
Perkins, W. D., Sacramento.....	1	..
Philadelphia Ledger.....	3	..
Post, Dr. J. A., Detroit.....	..	1
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn.....	..	3
Putnam, F. W., Salem, Mass.....	1	..
Regan, W. M., Minneapolis.....	..	1
Register Publishing Co., Chicago.....	1	..
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.....	..	1
Rhode Island Labor Bureau.....	1	..
Rich, J. T., Lansing.....	1	..
Rippey, I. N., Muskegon.....	..	1
Romero, Senor, Washington.....	1	..
Roseneau, N. S., Buffalo.....	..	1
Ross, R. B., Detroit.....	..	2
St. Louis Merchants Exchange.....	..	1
Sanders, Mrs. M. A., Pawtucket.....	..	1
Seattle Board of Trade.....	..	1
Shurly, Dr. E. L., Detroit.....	..	7
Skinner, E. C., Detroit.....	1	..
Slocum, Fred., Detroit.....	..	1
Smith, S. A., Providence.....	1	..
Smithsonian Institution.....	21	8
Society of Army of the Potomac.....	..	1
Southern California Historical Society.....	..	1

	Vol.	Pamph.
Stall, S., Lancaster, Pa.	1	..
Stearns, Fred., Detroit.	1	..
Storrs, L. C., Lansing. ....	..	2
Swan, R. T., Boston. ....	..	1
Taylor, F. M., Albion. ....	..	1
Torry, D., Detroit. ....	..	1
Traddles Co., Cincinnati.	1	..
United States Bureau of Education. ....	..	4
" Coast and Geodetic Survey.	2	5
" Department of Agriculture.	3	52
" " Interior.	109	123
" " Navy.	5	7
" " State.	8	21
" " Treasury.	3	47
" " War.	2	1
" Fish Commission.	1	..
" Labor Bureau.	3	..
" Patent Office.	5	1
" Signal Service.	1	4
" Supervising Inspector Steam Vessels. ....	..	2
" Surgeon Marine Hospital.	2	15
University of Arizona. ....	..	1
" California. ....	..	5
" Chicago. ....	..	2
" Iowa. ....	..	1
" Michigan.	1	3
" Pennsylvania. ....	..	1
Upson, I. S., Trenton, N. J.	1	..
Waite, H. E., West Newton, Mass. ....	..	1
Wallace, David, Detroit.	4	..
Washburn College. ....	..	1
Waterhouse, S., St. Louis. ....	..	2
West Virginia Historical Society. ....	..	2
Whitaker, H., Detroit. ....	..	2
Wilby, R. C., Detroit.	2	..
Wilmington Institute. ....	..	1
Wilstach, J. A., Lafayette, Ind. ....	..	1
Winchell, N. H., Minneapolis.	1	1
Wisconsin Historical Society. ....	..	1
Wisconsin, State of. ....	..	1
Worcester Polytechnic Institute. ....	..	1
Yale University.	4
Young Churchman Co., Milwaukee.	1
Y. M. C. A., New York.	1
Total.	430	1167

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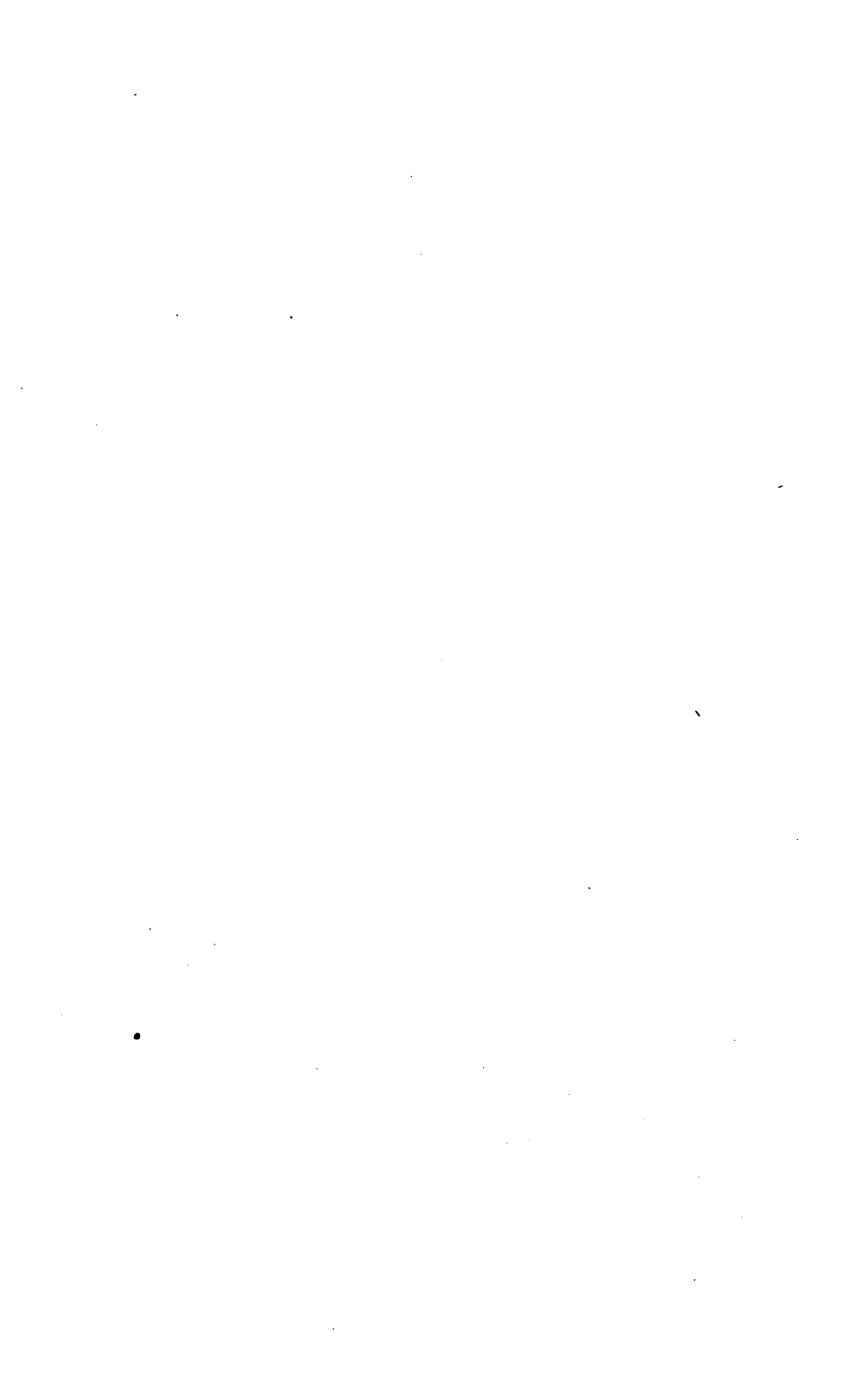
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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Board of Education :

GENTLEMEN—In presenting this, my first annual report, I refer to the fact that through my re-election to the office of Library Commissioner four years ago, it has been my privilege, as a member of this Commission for over ten consecutive years, to participate in its progressive policy from almost its very start to this present hour.

The reports of my predecessors, as presiding officers, those of the late lamented Justice Campbell and those more recently of Judge Hosmer, still with and of us, have given you from time to time such lucid information about the condition and purposes of this Library, that my present report bases its chief recommendations and facts upon the subject matters presented in the reports of our Secretary and Librarian.

It is a modest tribute I pay to all my colleagues when I give appreciation and thanks for their help, and it will not belittle any one of them when I mention especially Mr. Herbert Bowen, who as Secretary and as Chairman of the Book Committee has brought sacrifices of time and great ability to this particular work, and I believe I voice the sentiments of this Commission and that of the public when I thank the Board of Education not only for re-electing him in 1892, but also for the re-election more recently of Henry A. Harmon, our esteemed Chairman of Committee on Administration.

The financial exhibit, a portion of the Secretary's Report, shows a deceptively large balance, which, owing to the difference in the fiscal years, ours ending with December 31, while that of the city ends with June 30 following, makes this "balance" really a part of six months' additional requirements. Nevertheless, the extraordinary influx from fines, etc., received through the County Treasurer's office, being more than double for 1892 than in the preceding year, and three to four times as large as in ordinary years, seems to swell the income of this Library to very liberal proportions, and I shall refer to it and its uses further on.

When some seven years ago this Commission built an annex Reading Room, we had a large hall at our disposal for which we had no immediate need. The Scientific Association, a body of public spirited citizens, had secured at their own cost quite a valuable collection of specimens appertaining to Natural History, Archeology, Numismatics, Local History, etc., which under the name of the "Scientific Museum" found temporary care and shelter in the aforementioned hall. The general public being admitted free, daily between two and five o'clock, this museum became a source of instruction and pleasure to thousands of our own people and counted among the sights of the town with strangers. It was never intended that the Library Commission would remain the permanent custodian of this Museum and when, within the past year, it became a pressing necessity to have the room occupied by the Museum for more legitimate library purposes, the idea gained ground among Detroiters that this Commission was antagonistic to the Museum, while by the liberal care we took of it, we have shown our highest appreciation of its educational and popular value.

Nevertheless, we are forced to insist that this Museum find other quarters, and I take pleasure to learn that it will find such under the roof of another—the Museum of Arts—to which this collection may be more permanently attached.

In this connection it may be stated that the crowded condition of the Library ground floor admits now of but one or two of the alcoves for the storage and consultation of Books of Reference, Arts and liberal sciences.

To remove these treasures to more roomy quarters, where they can be more generally consulted and enjoyed, is not only imperatively necessary, but the enlarged opportunities for the display and use of such works will justify a more liberal expenditure of money in this direction.

While works of fiction do and will always attract the larger number of readers and recognizing this fact, we feel encouraged to count on a more general benefit of the Library when we add more largely such publications as are, by reason of their higher cost, only confined to the possession of the few.

The alterations and convenient furnishings of the rooms occupied by the Museum, when vacated, will closely absorb the extra sum which this Commission derived from "fines" in 1892. The accumulation of other funds by this Commission had its chief reason in this, that it was deemed unwise to exceed the ordinary sums expended for books; the surplus will find ready use when the rooms are ready to display, and opportunity given to enjoy, new acquisitions.

For these reasons I volunteer the conclusion that the revenues of the Library are ample but not extravagant.

I am forced to call attention to the fact that the different alterations heretofore made or proposed to be made, are only makeshifts. It cannot be concealed that in the near future *means must be found for enlarging the Library building* to be what such building should be.

Let us not lose sight of the fact that the present building is only the rear part of what was originally planned to be the Public Library Building.

The growth of the city and the growth of the Library demonstrate that it is time that we look for the erection on

the immediate front lot of a representative building which will accommodate the needs of a judicious increase of the number of books, and the convenience of those who consult the same.

I would be slow to recommend adding to the burden of tax-payers, but I feel convinced that a commodious, imposing Library Building is not only an ornament of itself desirable, but the fostering, maintaining and enlarging of a Public Library is a steady invitation to men of culture and men of means to settle among us and becoming citizens of Detroit, become tax-payers and add to the municipal wealth. Even more: The addition of books, works, treating of, illustrating and furnishing new ideas in the arts, sciences, mechanical, etc. employments, of necessity must develop higher cultured and more competent helpers in our industrial enterprises and in these branches, improves local products, enlarges their markets, and logically adds to the enlargement of factories, increase of population, and indirectly pays back tenfold into the City Treasury what the completion of the Library building would cost.

I am aware that special commissions are liable to magnify the importance of the special matters in their charge, but I have yet to learn that an honest, earnest administering of any public trust is too expensive; it is the slovenly indifference to public trusts which deserves our reprehension. A well-justified enthusiasm for success claims recognition and support.

This Commission has encouraged its executive officer, the Librarian, to be a member, and attend the annual meetings, of the American Library Association. The exchange of experiences in the management of libraries, the classification of books, their cataloguing, the introduction of new implements, time-saving conveniences for serving the public, etc., may be traced to the exchange of ideas at these annual meetings. The usefulness of this National Association has led to the formation of a similar State organization

and has made the Detroit Public Library better known at home and abroad.

We own, perhaps, one of the most complete collections of Magazine literature in this country, which by means of Poole's Index, becomes accessible for general use and consultation in every direction of mental inquiry.

This Commission looks longingly for the means, without curtailing the general demands of the library, to add to its importance in some specialty, whereby this institution par excellence would become attractive.

To have the aid for the carrying out of such a special purpose we look in vain for a duplication of New York's Astor and Lenox, San Francisco's Stamford, or Chicago's Newberry.

For other matters I beg to refer to the following detailed Reports of the Secretary and Librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

MAGNUS BUTZEL,

President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Commissioners of the Public Library :

In compliance with the requirements of law, I submit a statement of the receipts and disbursements of library moneys during the calendar year 1892.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand January 1st, 1892.....	\$32,116 41
City taxes, 1892.....	\$32,245 43
“ “ 1891.....	1,968 13
“ “ previous years.....	377 83
	<hr/> 34,590 89
County Treasurer, fines and penalties.....	25,116 00
Interest on deposits.....	1,659 79
Library fines.....	975 84
Sale of catalogues.....	122 75
For lost books.....	60 81
From miscellaneous sources.....	11 59
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Total receipts.....	\$94,653 08

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for books and pamphlets.....	\$13,776 74
“ “ periodical subscriptions.....	1,373 23
“ “ binding and repair of books.....	3,483 34
“ “ light.....	1,127 77
“ “ fuel.....	808 21
“ “ stationery and blanks.....	527 61
“ “ supplies.....	251 51
“ “ postage.....	150 35
“ “ freight and express.....	192 20
“ “ repairs.....	1,332 93

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Paid for miscellaneous	156 07
“ “ janitor service	1,784 85
“ “ salaries, librarian and assistants	14,353 67
“ “ printing and binding catalogues	628 30
Total disbursements	\$39,946 78
Balance on hand December 31, 1892	54,706 30

The balance on hand January 1st, 1893, is much larger than usual, and arises from a combination of causes. It is not surplus.

FIRST—The fiscal year of the Library Commission ends on December 31st, while that of the City of Detroit ends on June 30th. The expenses and disbursements of the Commission therefore, for the period from January 1st to July 1st, are included in the amount on hand.

SECOND—The Library Commission has adopted plans for fitting up for library purposes the portion of the building now occupied by the museum, and is now ready to obtain bids for the work. It is estimated that these improvements will cost from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

THIRD—The amount received from the County Treasurer for fines for the year, is double that received during any previous year, and about three times the average of the preceding five years. The conditions were exceptional, and there is no probability of any such large sum being received again. As it is, the increased amount is very acceptable, as it enables the Commission to make needed improvements and repairs, including that above mentioned.

HERBERT BOWEN,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Commissioners of the Public Library :

GENTLEMEN—Herewith I submit my report for the year 1892, showing the work of the Library during the year, as well as its growth, and statistical information of various matters relating thereto. The number of library card holders has increased by 1,700, as is shown by statement of the annual issue of cards.

Library cards issued in 1888	3,354
“ “ 1889	3,644
“ “ 1890	5,249
“ “ 1891	5,433
“ “ 1892	4,959
Total outstanding cards	22,639

BOOK ACCESSIONS.

Number of books in Library January 1, 1892	108,720
Added since by purchase	7,912
“ “ gift	641
“ “ exchange	42
“ “ binding periodicals	483
	9,078
Total	117,798
Withdrawn, worn out	1,067
“ sold and exchanged	996
“ lost	74
	2,137
Number of books December 31, 1892	115,661

Of the 1,141 books lost and worn out, 1,033 were fiction. Of the 74 books lost, all except 11 were paid for by the persons losing them or by their sureties.

The following shows the accessions during the year in each of the several classes, the total in the Library and the relation which each class bears to the whole :

	Accessions 1892.	Total.	Percent- age.
Bibliography, cyclopedias, etc.....	144	1,851	1.51
Bound periodicals, general.....	444	8,271	7.16
Philosophy, mental and moral.....	109	1,325	1.18
Religion.....	442	7,664	6.64
Administration, public documents.....	883	8,833	7.63
Sociology.....	641	7,457	6.44
Philology.....	35	572	0.50
Natural Sciences.....	715	8,069	7.00
Useful arts.....	498	3,973	3.43
Fine arts.....	336	2,684	2.33
Literature.....	552	9,089	7.88
Biography.....	577	9,089	7.88
Geography, travel, description.....	619	8,281	7.18
History.....	1,140	11,918	10.30
Fiction and juvenile.....	1,789	17,714	15.31
German.....	22	4,094	3.53
French.....	70	3,499	3.02
Greek and Latin.....	42	716	0.61
Italian and Spanish.....	---	170	0.14
Polish.....	---	238	0.20
Minor languages.....	20	154	0.13
Total.....	9,078	115,661	100.00

USE OF BOOKS.

The Library was open 310 days for the drawing of books for home reading, and every day in the year, except the Fourth of July, for the use of books and periodicals in the building. The following statement shows the use of the Library compared with the preceding year :

Number of books drawn out for home reading.....	315,888	
" " consulted in the library.....	122,963	
Total use of books in 1892.....	438,851	
" " " 1891.....	355,480	
Increase in 1892.....	83,371	
Number of books used in 1892.....		438,851
" periodicals used in 1892.....		151,422
Total use of library in 1892.....		590,273
" " " 1891.....		479,316
Increase in 1892.....		110,957

These figures do not fully represent the use of Library books and periodicals. The alcoves containing dictionaries, atlases, directories, patent specifications, statistics, indexes, books relating to art and architecture, etc., are open to the public without restriction and large numbers of people avail themselves of these privileges. Upwards of 12,000 books have been sent out to the public schools which have circulated therefrom in the homes of pupils. In the nature of things, therefore, it is impossible to give definite statistics. Those above set forth will be understood to be approximate and much below the actual fact.

The following shows the number of books drawn out for home reading each month in the year, and the daily average, compared with the preceding year :

1891.				1892.		
MONTHS.	No. Days.	Total Circulation.	Average per Day.	No. Days.	Total Circulation.	Average per Day.
January.....	26	22,684	872	25	28,975	1,159
February.....	24	22,347	931	25	30,297	1,292
March.....	26	24,115	928	27	31,405	1,163
April.....	26	24,465	941	26	27,693	1,065
May.....	26	21,661	833	26	24,920	959
June.....	26	18,775	722	26	21,523	828
July.....	26	20,422	786	25	21,666	866
August.....	26	20,124	774	27	23,912	886
September.....	26	23,174	891	26	25,431	978
October.....	27	24,319	935	26	26,126	1,005
November.....	24	26,111	1004	25	28,165	1,127
December.....	26	25,863	995	26	25,775	991
Total.....	309	274,060	887	310	315,888	1,019

The following shows the character of books drawn out for home reading last year compared with the preceding year:

	1891. percent.	1892 perc't.
History, biography and travel.....	9.50	8.49
Literature, poetry and drama	4.33	4.21
Religion and philosophy	1.56	1.55
Science and arts	4.48	4.55
Fiction	57.80	58.08
Juvenile books	15.71	16.62
German	4.34	4.42
French and minor languages .....	.93	.86
Polish .....	.52	.52
Miscellaneous .....	.83	.70

No classified statistics are kept of the books used in the building. It is known from observation that they are books usually consulted for reference, and in some instances, of course, books for reading in the library. If the statistics of these were given they would materially change the above figures by reducing the percentage of fiction and juvenile and increasing that of the other classes.

A recent writer in one of our city newspapers, who has been looking into the subject of the preferences of public library readers in respect to authors and books, discusses it at some length and very fairly. The following summarizes the statements made :

First as to the authors who are no longer in demand, and in this list is Rider Haggard, who only a few years ago was all the vogue; Robert Louis Stevenson has met nearly the same fate; there is some demand for the "Wrecker," his latest work. "Looking Backward" has apparently sent Bellamy to the rear, for no one ever asks for him now. Mrs. Humphrey Ward, who shone like a meteor after the publication of "Robert Elsmere," has gone to rest with "David Grieve." Kipling, the erratic and irrepressible Anglo-Indian, is not in the running. Mary J. Holmes, Mrs. Southworth, Ouida and Agnes Fleming are on the dropped list here with a very large number, and their constituency is not

growing. The prolific and versatile Balzac has had his day, and it appears to be past.

The writers in great demand are J. M. Barrie, whose "Little Minister" is all the vogue. Mme. Carey is another great favorite as is also Miss Alcott, and Hawthorne, and "Uncle Tom's Cabin" maintains a perennial popularity. Shakespeare is extensively called for, largely as a result of the university extension course, where the bard is a subject of study. Lew Wallace's "Ben Hur" is immensely popular, and there are twenty-five copies of this work in the public library to meet the demand. The works that are in steady use are those of Sir Walter Scott, Charles Dickens, William Black, George Eliot, Thackeray, George Ebers, E. P. Roe, J. Fenimore Cooper, Mrs. Craik, Jules Verne, Oliver Optic, Mrs. Burnett, Louise Alcott, G. A. Henty, Alexander Dumas, Charles Lever, J. G. Holland, Mrs. Oliphant, Charlotte Bronte, Marion Crawford, Castleman, Alger, J. T. Trowbridge, W. D. Howells, Stedman, Frank Stockton, Mark Twain, Henry James, Bret Harte, Besant, Hardy, Goldsmith, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Washington Irving, Thoreau, Longfellow, Lowell, Wordsworth, Milton, Moore, Robert Browning, Shelley, Byron, Tennyson, Chas. Dudley Warner, W. C. Bryant, T. B. Aldrich, and for fairy tales Anderson and Grimm, and Isabella Alden for juvenile stories. Ruskin, Bacon, Emerson, Bryce's "American Commonwealth," Prescott's "Conquest of Mexico," Parkman's Works, and classics like "Meditations" of Marcus Aurelius, "Discourses" of Epictetus, and Homer's "Iliad," Pope's or Bryant's translation, are much in vogue.

Among the religious works commonly called for are Drummond's "Natural Law in the Spiritual World," Spurgeon's sermons and life, Dr. Pierson's "Divine Art of Preaching," the "Heart of the Gospel," and especially his work on missions; Thomas a Kempis, Jeremy Taylor, Mrs. Havergal, a writer of devotional works; Dr. Briggs' writings; Dr. A. B. Bruce's "Training of the Twelve," Dr. Philip Brooks, Canon Farrar very largely; Rev. J. Thain Davidson's book for young men, "How to Succeed;" Andrew Murray's "Abide in Christ," Bishop Hurst's "Indika,"

being a work on the manners and customs of the people of India.

John Fiske's "Discovery of America," and his "Critical Periods in American History," are both in wide demand, Columbus being now prominently before the American people. In fact, all of Mr. Fiske's writings are very popular.

The most popular periodicals may be judged by the records kept in the reading room of the calls for each, as follows :

FINE ARTS.

Art Amateur	566
Art Journal	480
American Architect	411
Magazine of Art	390
L'Art	164

PRACTICAL ARTS.

Scientific American and Supplement	3,987
Electrical World	485
American Machinist	472
Electrical Engineer	389
Iron Age	386
Photographic Times	384
Railroad Gazette	349
Engineering	344
Engineering and Mining Journal	255
Electrical Review	235
Metal Worker	222
English Mechanic	219
Jeweller's Weekly	138
Railroad Engineering	122

LITERARY PERIODICALS.

North American Review	948
Forum	769
Arena	572
Atlantic	509
Chambers' Magazine	410
Blackwood	275
New England Magazine	239
Chautauquan	182
Contemporary Review	178
Leisure Hour	175
Revue des deux mondes	178

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Fortnightly	170
Gentleman's Magazine	136
Eclectic	119
Deutsche Rundschau	119
Cornhill	113
Edinburgh Review	86

ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINES.

Harper	3,116
Century	2,708
Scribner	1,832
Cosmopolitan	1,307
Outing	1,147
Lippincott	1,006
Review of Reviews	789
Californian Illustrated	406
Overland	402

CHILDREN'S PERIODICALS.

Youth's Companion	1,909
Harper's Young People	1,403
St Nicholas	1,160
Wide Awake	562

HUMOROUS AND ILLUSTRATED WEEKLIES.

Puck	7,445
Judge	6,947
Life	4,215
Harper's Weekly	3,909
Frank Leslie	3,821
London Illustrated News	3,697
London Graphic	3,613
Punch	1,602
Harper's Bazar	1,526
Forest and Stream	949
Fliegende Blatter	811
Ueber Land und Meer	646
Figaro Illustre	570
Gartenlaube	478

UNCLASSIFIED.

Army and Navy Journal	669
Christian Union	453
Popular Science Monthly	450

Courier des Etats Unis	423
Nation	321
Public Opinion	285
Woman's Journal	39

IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The books bought specially for the schools have been sent out in accordance with the plan adopted several years ago, and which has been found to work satisfactorily. The whole number of books sent to the school houses was 12,580, of which 4,850 were fiction. Some teachers have complained that these library books make them extra work, but it is safe to say that such teachers take very little real interest in the progress and development of their pupils, and are content with a perfunctory performance of their duties. As I have before remarked, the success of this effort to broaden the horizon of the school children and to take them outside the dry routine, depends almost wholly upon the teachers.

No additional books have been bought during the year, but those lost or worn out have been replaced, so that the number has been kept intact. A suggestion has been made that if a few carefully selected books for the teachers were added to the list much good might be accomplished. I think it would be wise to experiment in that direction. If the effort proves a success, the list may be extended.

SUNDAY READERS.

The whole number of reading-room visitors during the year was 112,134, of whom 9,247 visited the room on Sunday. This is an increase over the preceding year of over 20 per cent. Since the room was first opened on Sunday, nearly seven years ago, the attendance has been steadily growing, from an average in 1887 of 100, to an average in 1892 of 178.

BINDING.

During the year 4,726 volumes were bound by contract in outside binderies at a total cost of \$2,526.23. A large pro-

portion of these were old books sent out for re-binding. For this class of books what is known as English Buckram continues in use as the most durable material. The bindery and repair shop in the building has been operated, as heretofore. The total cost of operating it has been \$957.11, of which \$909.00 was for wages and the balance for material. The work turned out was 139 volumes re-bound, 1,517 re-sewed, 4,158 repaired, 16 temporary binders, beside a considerable amount of work done in the way of pasting labels, etc., which cannot be specifically mentioned.

H. M. UTLEY,
Librarian.

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Following are the names of donors to the Library during the year with the number of volumes and pamphlets given by each :

	Vol.	Pamph.
Adams, Chas. F., Boston .....	..	1
Albion College .....	..	1
American Congregational Association.....	1	9
American Meteorological Association.....	..	1
American Otological Society .....	..	1
Ames Library, North Easton, Mass.....	..	2
Ames, Harriet H., Saginaw.....	2	..
Amherst College .....	..	1
Astor Library, N. Y. ....	..	3
Avery, Clara, Detroit	2	..
Bain, Jas. F., Toronto .....	..	1
Baker, H. E., Detroit .....	..	21
Bolton, C. K., Cambridge, Mass .....	..	1
Boston Athenaeum.....	..	25
Boston Health Department	1	7
Boston Public Library....	..	5
Bowdoin College .....	..	2
Bowen, Herbert, Detroit	1	...
Bremer, L., St. Louis.....	..	1
Bridgeport, Conn., Public Library .....	..	1
Brigham, W. I., Baltimore	1	.
Brookline, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
Brooklyn, N. Y., Library.....	..	2
Brooklyn Union for Christian Work.....	..	1
Brymner, D., Ottawa.....	1	..
Buffalo Charity Society .....	..	1
Buffalo Historical Society.....	..	1

	Vol.	Pamph.
Burton, C. M., Detroit.....	..	62
Buxton, Eng., Free Library.....	..	1
Calhoun, Margaret C., Lansing	1	..
California Board of Horticulture	1	..
California State Library	1	1
Cardiff, Wales, Public Library .....	..	1
Chaney, H. A., Detroit	1	3
Chicago Board of Trade	1	..
Chicago Public Library.....	..	1
Chipman, J. L., Detroit	2	4
Cilley, J. P., Rockland, Me.....	..	6
Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce	1	..
Cincinnati Public Library	1	4
Civil Service Reform League .....	..	1
Cleveland Public Library .....	..	1
College of Social Economics, N. Y.....	..	1
Columbia College	1	1
Columbian Exposition Commission .....	..	16
Columbus, O., Public Library .....	..	1
Conely, E. F., Detroit.....	1	1
Cooper, Rev. D. M., Detroit.....	..	1
Cornell University	7	32
Creighton University, Omaha .....	..	1
Dalton, J. G., Boston	1	..
Dartmouth College.. ..	..	3
Davies, Thos, L., Detroit.....	48	..
Davis, R. C., Ann Arbor .....	..	9
Denver Public Library .....	..	8
DePauw University .....	..	1
DePeyster, J. W., N. Y. ....	..	1
Detroit Board of Trade .....	..	1
Detroit College .....	..	3
Doughty, F. W., Brooklyn .....	..	1
Drexel Institute, Philadelphia .....	..	10
Duffield, H. M., Detroit.....	1	..
Edwards, Rev. Tryon, Detroit.....	3	3
Elliott, J. R., Detroit	2	..
Ellis, Jno., Philadelphia.....	..	1
Essex Institute, Salem .....	..	7
Farmer, Silas, Detroit	21	57
Fay, M. R., Peoria	1
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.....	..	1

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Foote, A. R., Washington.....	..	2
Ford, H. A., Detroit	2	1
Forster, C. R., Detroit	1	..
Friends Free Library, Germantown, Pa.....	..	1
Georgia Agricultural Dep't .....	..	3
Goodwin, A. K., Providence.....	1	1
Gordon, H. L., Detroit	1	..
Grand Rapids Board of Education .....	..	2
Grand Rapids Public Library.....	..	1
Grauert, M., Detroit .....	..	1
Great Yarmouth, Eng., Public Library.....	..	1
Green, S. A., Boston	5	49
Greene, C. E., Ann Arbor .....	..	1
Hamilton, Ont., Public Library.....	..	1
Hartford, Conn., Library.....	..	1
Hartford, " National Bank.....	1	..
Hartford, " Seminary .....	..	2
Harvard University	1	11
Hayes, R. B., Fremont, O.....	3	..
Hinsdale, E. C., Detroit.	20	..
Holdeman, Jno. Jasper, Mo.....	1	..
Holt, Jos., New Orleans.....	..	1
Hopkins, G. H., Detroit.....	1	..
Illinois Labor Bureau	1	..
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia .....	..	5
Indiana Commandery, M. O. L. L. A.....	..	1
Indiana Historical Society .....	..	2
Iowa Historical Society.....	1	1
Jackson, J. H., Dansville, N. Y. ....	..	1
Jackson, Mich., Public Library.....	..	1
Jerome, T. S., Detroit.....	..	3
Jersey City Public Library.....	..	11
Johns Hopkins University	1	8
Johnson, T. L., Washington .....	..	1
Kansas Board of Agriculture .....	..	8
Kansas City Public Library.....	..	1
Kansas State Library.....	..	1
Kegan Paul, Trench & Co, London.....	2	..
Lansing Public Library	1	..
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library	2
Leland Stanford Jr. University	6

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Leonard, C. H., Detroit	2
Los Angeles Public Library	8
Lothrop, G. V. N., Detroit ..	58	..
Lowell, Mass., City Library	3
Ludlow, Wm., Detroit	2	4
McFadden, Mary A., Trenton, N. J.....	..	1
MacFarlane, Jno., Detroit	2	..
McMillan, Jas., Detroit	45	3
Maimonides Library, New York .....	..	1
Maine Historical Society .....	..	2
Manchester, N. H., City Library .....	..	1
Manchester, Eng., Free Library .....	.	2
Maryland Bureau Industrial Statistics	3	..
Mason, Mrs. L. E., Detroit	17	..
Massachusetts, Commonwealth of	4	1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology .....	..	6
Mercantile Library, N. Y. ....	..	1
Mercantile Library, Philadelphia .....	..	4
Mercantile Library, St. Louis	1	1
Michigan Agricultural College .....	..	9
" Board of Charities .....	..	1
" Bureau Labor Statistics	1	..
" Insurance Commissioner	1	..
" Normal School Library	1	..
" Secretary of State	31	..
" State Library	46	..
" Superintendents of Poor Association .....	..	1
" Y. M. C. A. ....	..	1
Milwaukee Public Library ....	..	2
Minnesota Academy Natural Sciences .....	..	1
Minneapolis Public Library	1	1
National W. C. T. U., Evanston .....	..	1
Nebraska Adjutant General .....	..	1
Nebraska Historical Society	2	.
Newark Public Library .....	..	8
New Bedford Public Library	6	52
Newberry Library, Chicago .....	..	1
New Haven Public Library	1	1
New London Public Library	1
New Jersey Labor Bureau	1
New Jersey State Library	2	..

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New York Free Circulating Library	1
New York Historical Society	1
New York State Library	2
Nicaragua Canal Co.	1	..
N. W. C. T. U., Evanston	1	..
Oberlin College Library .....	..	1
Ohio Meteorological Bureau .....	..	7
Ohio Board of Agriculture .....	..	2
Ottofky, L., Chicago .....	..	1
Owensboro, Kentucky, Board of Education .....	..	1
Paterson Public Library .....	..	4
Patten, F. C., Helena, Montana ..	..	2
Peabody Institute, Baltimore	5	..
Peter White Public Library, Marquette .....	..	1
Philadelphia Apprentices' Library .....	..	2
" City Institute .....	..	1
" Library Company .....	..	2
" Times .....	..	1
Pingree, H. S., Detroit .....	..	1
Plymouth, Eng., Public Library .....	..	1
Poole, W. F., Chicago .....	..	1
Prall, Rev. Wm., Detroit .....	..	3
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn .....	..	..
Princeton College	1	1
Providence Public Library .....	..	1
Providence Record Commissioners	1	1
Reemlin, Chas., Cincinnati	1	..
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute .....	..	4
Rippey, J. N., Muskegon .....	..	1
Roy, Protap Chandra, Calcutta	1	5
St. Louis Public Library .....	..	1
St. Paul Despatch	1	..
Salem, Mass., Public Library .....	..	12
San Francisco Mercantile Library .....	..	3
San Francisco Public Library .....	..	1
Scranton Public Library .....	..	1
Scripps, Jas. E., Detroit .....	..	..
Shelden, E. S., Cambridge, Mass.	1
Simpson, E. W., Detroit	1	..
Smith College	3
Smith, C. C., Denver	1

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Smith, J. C., Brooklyn	1	..
Smithsonian Institution.....	6	6
Springfield, Mass., City Library	8
Stocking, Wm., Detroit ....	..	2
Stowe, L. S., Springfield, Mass.....	..	1
Stryker, W. S., Trenton, N. J.....	..	1
Sunset Club, Chicago....	1	..
Sydney, New South Wales, Public Library	1	..
Taunton, Mass., Public Library.....	..	1
Taylor, F. M., Ann Arbor ....	..	1
Tennessee Board of Health ....	..	5
Texas Agricultural Bureau	1	..
Toledo Public Library .....	..	1
Toronto Public Library....	..	8
Torrey, D., Detroit	24	84
Towler, L. H., Detroit .....	..	3
United States, Bureau of Am. Republics	1	54
" " Education	3	10
" " Marine Hospital .....	..	31
" Coast and Geodetic Survey .....	..	1
" Civil Service Commission	4	3
" Department of Agriculture	5	117
" " Interior	120	77
" " Navy	7	2
" " State	8	17
" " Treasury	4	70
" " War	44	..
" Fish Commission.....	1	..
" Geological Survey	2	1
" Interstate Commerce	5	..
" Patent Office	4	..
" Supervising Inspector Steam Vessels	1	2
" Surgeon General	1	5
Unknown	3	..
Upson, S. S., New Brunswick, N. J.....	..	1
University of Arizona	4
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" Chicago.....	..	5
" Denver	1
" Iowa	2
" Michigan	4

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Vassar College.....	3	..
Vermynne, J. J. B., New Bedford.....	..	2
Volta Bureau, Washington	1	..
Warren Co., Ill., Library	2
Watson, J. E., Detroit	1	..
Wilder, A. P., New Haven.....	..	1
Williams College .....	..	2
Willis, R. S., Detroit.....	1	..
Winchell, N. H., Minneapolis .....	..	1
Winder, D. K., Detroit.....	1	..
Winnipeg Board of Trade .....	..	1
Wisconsin Historical Society.....	1	1
Wisconsin Labor Bureau.....	1	..
Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania .....	..	1
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	2
Worcester Public Library	1
Yale University	6
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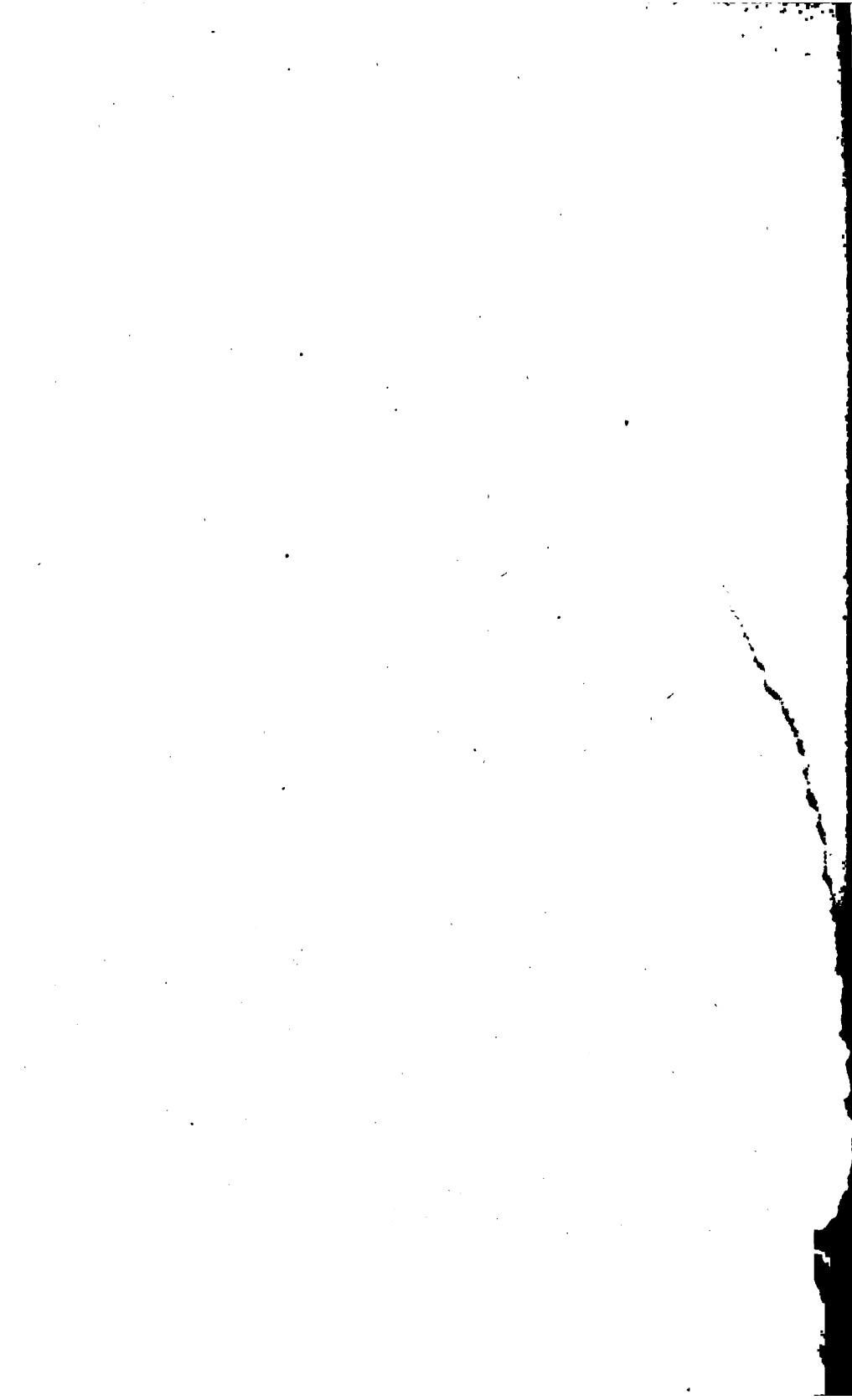
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Education:

GENTLEMEN:—It being the duty of the Public Library Commission to report annually to your Honorable Body, I am charged on its behalf to lay before you the condition of the Library and to assure you that this Commission continues to give its best attention to its welfare. In this respect each member of the Board, as well as its officers, has given such measure of time and ability as he could command to the proper development of the Library and its efficient administration. The gentlemen who are charged with this responsible duty have high appreciation of its importance and dignity and are striving for best results. It is only fair to say that in all their efforts for promotion of the best interests of the institution under their charge they have cordial and intelligent co-operation of the staff of employees. Especially must we commend the broad, enlightened views, the valuable work and the efficient management of the Librarian, Henry M. Utley, to whose detailed report as to the growth and operation of the Library during the year I take pleasure in referring you.

FINANCES.

The Secretary's report, also herewith submitted, shows the receipts and expenditures and balance on hand. It is well to state again that this report is made in the middle of the fiscal year in the city and that the balance on hand is

not surplus but is required to meet the needs of the Library during the ensuing six months.

My connection with this Commission, almost from its creation, enables me to say that the liberal provision made by law for the maintenance of the Library has never led to extravagant expenditures in any direction. On the contrary, the most rigid economy consistent with a proper discharge of the trust has been practiced, and the policy of saving from the income has been kept always in view. In this connection I again call attention to the fact that the steadily growing needs of the Library will require, at as early a date as it can be brought about, the erection of the main front to the building, as originally planned, to supply the room and the conveniences which the public has a right to demand.

The last legislature passed an act authorizing the Common Council of the city to raise by loan or tax the sum of \$150,000 for such a building. For the purpose of helping forward the movement to provide the much needed enlargement at the earliest practical day, the Commission has created a New Library Building Fund and has placed therein from its income of the past year the sum of \$15,000. It is the purpose to save as much as possible from the income each year to be added to this fund, so that ultimately there may be erected a building which will reflect credit upon the city and at the same time without imposing on the taxpayers any very large expense.

REFERENCE READING ROOM.

In my last annual report I referred to the need of the room then occupied by the scientific museum. This museum found quarters elsewhere and during the summer we transformed this space into a reference reading room. It is now in use and so fully answers the purpose for which it was designed that I take occasion to say that in my travels east, south and west I have not seen in any library, even in cities

larger than Detroit, quarters so admirably arranged and equipped. The book-shelves are protected by glass doors; the alcoves are spacious and well lighted, and in them the student may work undisturbed with every thing at his hand. Here also we found a place for our most valuable art works, works which are a source of joy not only to persons of cultivated taste but of interest and value to the artist, the draftsman, the mechanic, furnishing ideas of practical use in the several branches of their pursuits. By means of this new room we are enabled to make available to the use of the public one of the most useful and attractive departments of the Library.

The LIBRARY and the SCHOOLS.

This commission takes a deep interest in the Public Schools, holding the view that the Public Library is an agency equally with them in the education of the people. We have continued to supply books for special school use. Early in the year we met with a considerable loss in the destruction by fire of the High School building and the books loaned to the Board of Education for that school. In view of the extraordinary demand on the funds of your Board occasioned by that fire and the necessity for fitting up a temporary High School, this Commission waived the claim for re-imbursement for this loss, and has been and still is ready to supply the needs of the schools, so far as it can.

BRANCH LIBRARIES.

During my visit in Chicago last summer I was favorably impressed with what I saw in connection with the system of branch libraries, or delivery stations, in use in that city. I have no hesitancy in commending the system as there managed. There are 36 such branches in that expansive city, but probably eight would fully answer our requirements at present. The plan was explained to me by Mr. F. H. Hild, the courteous librarian. Select in a convenient location some

candy, book or drug store, the proprietor of which, in view of drawing customers to his shop and the small compensation, would gladly furnish bonds and act as sub-librarian. Cards are issued under the same regulations as at the main library; blanks and catalogues are at hand. The applicant for a book makes out his slip and leaves it at the branch. These slips are gathered up at the branches and sent to the main library where assistants select the books and place them in boxes marked with the proper number by which each sub-library is known. The return of books is effected in like manner, all through an expressman specially employed for the purpose.

The person in charge of the branch gets \$2.00 per hundred for the books handled, up to 1,000 books per month, and above that number \$1.00 per hundred. I believe the minimum pay is \$10, per month. This simple and inexpensive system brings the advantages of the Public Library close to the door of every citizen. I earnestly advocate the establishment of such branches in this city where needed.

BOOKS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

Our Library contains a number of very well selected books in foreign languages, of which the German, French, Polish may be named in the order of their importance. The considerable use of those in German inclines us to add to that department from time to time the best and newest books. The small number of readers in other languages does not seem to justify increased expenditures in their direction. This matter has had my personal attention, which is my justification for mentioning it in this connection.

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS.

The system has prevailed for many years with this Commission of selecting assistants for the Library staff from candidates who have passed a public examination. This has been found to be a great help in the impartial selection of em-

ployes and has given us those of a better quality than the old hit-or-miss method. The latest of such examinations held Jan. 2, 1894, brought out 45 candidates, from whom six have been selected for trial in the Library.

IN CONCLUSION,

Permit me to say that the Public Library, no less than the Public school, is an important educational factor. When the child grows to manhood and passes beyond the school into the activities of life, he is still a pupil of the library. The aim and purpose of our two boards, the Board of Education and the Board of Library Commissioners, are one—the advancement of the intelligence of the community we serve. The unity of aim and purpose, therefore bespeak, mutual cordiality, sympathy and counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

MAGNUS BUTZEL,

President.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To the Commissioners of the Public Library:

In compliance with the rules, I submit a statement of the receipts and disbursements of library moneys during the calendar year 1893. Looking forward to the building and equipment of the main library building which will be necessary in a short time, the Commissioners have determined to economize as far as possible, and to set aside from time to time such portion of their income as can be spared, to the establishment of a "New Library Building Fund".

It should be understood that the fiscal year of the Library Commission ends December 31st, while that of the city of Detroit ends June 30th. The balance on hand, therefore, constitutes the working funds of the Commission from January 1st to July 1st.

RECEIPTS, 1893.

Balance on hand Jan. 1st.....	\$54,706 30
City Taxes, 1893.....	\$31,630 34
" " 1892.....	1,755 98
" " Back taxes.....	423 22
	————— 33,809 54
Co. Treasurer, fines and penalties.....	11,567 87
Interest on deposits.....	2,097 54
Library fines.....	1,029 30
Sales of catalogues.....	88 15
For lost books.....	93 41
From miscellaneous sources.....	11 33
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Total Receipts.....	103,403 44

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DISBURSEMENTS, 1893.

Paid for books and pamphlets.....	\$18,208 38
“ “ periodical subscriptions.....	1,759 13
“ “ binding and repair of books.....	3,866 20
“ “ light.....	1,547 38
“ “ fuel.....	788 87
“ “ stationery and blanks.....	543 14
“ “ labor and supplies.....	761 58
“ “ postage.....	125 40
“ “ freight and express.....	197 57
“ “ repairs to building and grounds.....	2,697 47
“ “ insurance.....	441 96
“ “ miscellaneous.....	107 95
“ “ printing and binding catalogues.....	855 40
“ “ janitor service.....	1,943 00
“ “ salaries librarian and assistants.....	15,330 79
“ “ fitting up reference reading room.....	10,822 07
“ “ furniture for same.....	1,736 72
Amount transferred to New Library Building Fund, by order of the Commission.....	15,000 00
Total.....	73,715 01
Balance Dec. 31st 1893, in General Fund.....	26,688 43
“ “ in New Library Bdg. Fund.....	15,000 00

HERBERT BOWEN,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Commissioners of the Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:—Herewith I submit my report for the year 1893, showing the work of the Library during the year, as well as its growth, and statistical information of various matters relating thereto.

The most important event of the year was the opening, about Nov. 1st, of the new reading room on the second floor of the rear extension. This portion of the building had hitherto been occupied by the museum of the Detroit Scientific Association. But the necessity for its use for library purposes proper had become imperative. Accordingly, in March the Association removed its property and the room was immediately given over to the builders for remodeling. It was necessary to tear down brick division walls, change the stairways, cut an opening into the main library, and rebuild the entire ceiling, which was badly settled and broken. The weight of the roof had proved too great a strain upon the timbers, which had given way and were in a dangerous condition. The work turned out to be more extensive and expensive than had been expected and consumed the entire summer.

The book stacks, which furnish accommodation for about 20,000 volumes, are two stories high, the upper story being accessible by means of a light iron gallery. The room is abundantly lighted both naturally and artificially. It is provided with numerous tables and chairs, many of them in quiet alcoves where students may work to the best advantage. There

are no railings nor screens to separate the public from the books, but all the cases are open and readers may help themselves at their pleasure. The room opens directly into the second gallery of the main building, so that any book in the library is readily procured when wanted by any reader. The arrangement and general appearance of the room have been highly praised by visitors, and students engaged in the investigation of subjects have found it admirably suited to their purpose.

Already a daily average of 200 to 300 persons make use of the room, and on Sunday the attendance falls little short of that on other days. The popularity of this excellent provision for the use of the Library in a way to best serve those who visit it for an earnest purpose will increase as it becomes more widely known. Other rooms of a similar character in which special classes of books may be arranged, such as fine arts, architecture, medicine, etc., will undoubtedly be demanded in the not distant future. In fact, a proposition was made not long since to turn over to us a medical library of considerable size and value, provided a room should be set apart for it and its readers. There is no possibility now of offering such a room, but when the building is enlarged, as we hope it will be before many years, all these considerations must be kept in view.

CO-OPERATION WITH THE SCHOOLS.

The plan heretofore in vogue has been carried on through the year. In the High School, by the destruction of the building by fire in January, 1893, the Library lost 1425 volumes. Of the entire number supplied only 118 were saved. If the fire had occurred at any other time than during a vacation a much larger proportion would have been out of the building at the time. The Library has replaced the books thus lost but has made no other purchases on account of the schools. In the grammar grades there is a call for more

books, since the increase of schools and pupils has lessened the number of books per capita. I think there might properly be additions to their lists, especially so, since the schools serve to certain extent as library stations for the remote parts of the city. Many families get their reading from the Library through their children in the public schools. This fact is kept in view in making the distribution. Relatively more books are assigned to the schools than to those which are central.

CATALOGUES.

The usual annual bulletin was brought out early in the year. Four of these have been issued since the general catalogue was published. These have now been consolidated in a single alphabet, and what would ordinarily have been the fifth bulletin will be the first supplement to the general catalogue, and comprise a volume of about equal size. It is nearly ready for the printer.

During the year an addition was made of nearly 500 volumes in the Polish language, and a new finding list was issued.

The catalogues of fiction and books in the German language were printed some seven or eight years ago. In the meantime many changes have taken place in the books of the Library in both those departments. New catalogues are therefore in course of preparation, to be issued during the coming year. In these departments, as the present catalogues were issued before the new system of classification and numbering was adopted, the old numbering has been retained to the present time. Preliminary to the publication of new catalogues the arrangement and numbering of the books are being made to conform to the system in use in other parts of the Library.

The second edition of Good Books for Young People

having become exhausted, a third edition is preparing and will shortly be issued.

BOOK PURCHASES.

During the past year more than the usual amount of money has been expended on the purchase of books. On account of the improved facilities for the examination and study of books of a high class, there have been larger expenditures in that direction. Illustrated books in the fine arts class and especially intended to exhibit the history and development of architecture, archaeology, painting, engraving, book-making, have been added. Besides these are some fine works exhibiting the advancement in the arts of decoration, exterior and interior, in carving in stone and wood, in embroidery and weaving of fabrics, in porcelain, glass and metal work, and in many similar directions, in which lines the Library had previously next to nothing. Great care has been used in the selection of these works to secure those of a high character and which would prove most interesting and helpful to those who wish to study the subjects they cover. Works of this class are usually too costly to be owned by individuals to any great extent, and the Public Library is the place where, under proper restrictions, they should be found open to the use of all persons.

While giving more attention than usual to books of this character, the general field of literature has not been neglected. It is the aim of the Library to keep up with the times in all departments of reading and study, and worthy new publications are placed on the shelves as soon as we can discover and procure them. The purpose hitherto kept in view is to make a useful, all-around library, which will meet the wants of the general public. Whether it shall be thought a wise policy to adopt some specialty and buy in that direction from time to time, as means and opportunity present themselves, is still an open question.

BINDING.

The Library bindery, which is mainly a repair shop, was operated throughout the year, as heretofore, with a man in charge and a girl for sewing. The work turned out consisted of 3835 books repaired, 1897 resewed and 36 rebound. Beside this, there was considerable work done in preparation of books for the shelves, such as pasting labels, etc, for which no definite figures can be given. The work done by contract in outside binderies consisted of the binding of 4897 books, at a cost of \$2961.20. The large number of fine art books bound in first-class manner raised the average cost per volume somewhat above that of former years.

STATISTICS.

The usual statistics are herewith given, showing various matters of interest in connection with the growth and use of the Library. The number of card holders has increased 2231. Following shows the number of cards issued in each of the years named:

Library cards issued in 1889.	3 644
“ “ 1890.	5 249
“ “ 1891.	5 433
“ “ 1892.	4 959
“ “ 1893.	5 585

Total outstanding cards.	24 870
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BOOK ACCESSIONS.

No. books in the Library Jan. 1, 1893.	115 661
Added since by purchase.....	9 891
“ “ gift.....	1 009
“ “ binding.....	427

11 327

Total.....	126 938
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Withdrawn, destroyed by fire.....	1 425
“ worn out.....	1 555
“ lost.....	75
“ sold and exchanged....	105

3 160

No. books December 31, 1893.....	123 828
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Of the 1630 books lost and worn out, all but 102 were fiction. Of the lost, all but three were paid for.

USE OF BOOKS.

The Library was open 308 days for the drawing of books for home reading and every day for consultation of books in the building.

No. books drawn out for home reading.....344 473

“ consulted in the Library.....131 842

Total use of books in 1893.....476 315

“ “ 1892.....438 851

Increase in 1893..... 35 464

No. books used in 1893476 315

periodicals “163 591

Total use in 1893.....639 906

“ 1892.....590 273

Increase in 1893..... 49 633

The daily circulation of books drawn for home reading is shown in the following table:

1892.				1893.		
Months.	No. Days.	Total Circulation	Average per Day.	No. Days.	Total Circulation.	Average per Day.
January	25	28 975	1 159	25	29 877	1 195
February	25	30 297	1 292	24	31 610	1 317
March	27	31 405	1 163	27	33 653	1 246
April	26	27 693	1 065	25	29 954	1 198
May	26	24 920	959	27	25 078	928
June	26	21 523	828	26	21 562	829
July	25	21 666	866	25	23 394	936
August	27	23 912	886	27	26 159	969
September	26	25 431	978	26	30 989	1 192
October	26	26 126	1 005	26	30 435	1 170
November	25	28 165	1 127	25	31 521	1 260
December	26	25 775	991	25	30 243	1 210
Total	310	315 888	1 019	308	344 473	1 118

Following shows the character of the books drawn out for home reading during the past two years:

	1892. per cent.	1893. perc t.
History, Biography, Travel.....	8.49	8.92
Literature, Poetry, Drama.....	4.21	4.21
Science and Arts.....	4.15	4.25
Religion and Philosophy.....	1.55	1.65
Sociology.....	1.00	1.16
Fiction.....	58.08	57.69
Juvenile.....	16.62	13.24
German.....	4.42	4.50
French.....	.86	.73
Polish.....	.52	.53
Miscellaneous.....	.10	.12

All which is respectfully submitted,

H. M. UTLEY,

Librarian.

APPENDIX A.

Year.	No. Volumes at end of Year.	Library Read'g during Year.	Home Reading during year.	Total Use during Year.
1865.....	8,864	-----	-----	4,700
1866.....	10,509	-----	-----	15,000
1867.....	15,020	-----	-----	30,000
1868.....	16,620	-----	-----	35,000
1869.....	17,586	-----	-----	40,000
1870.....	18,717	-----	-----	40,000
1871.....	21,161	7,200	45,600	52,800
1872.....	22,115	9,200	98,000	107,200
1873.....	22,882	10,100	115,000	125,100
1874.....	24,176	10,200	145,000	155,200
1875.....	24,903	11,000	148,000	159,000
1876.....	33,604	11,500	148,000	159,500
1877.....	37,703	12,000	150,000	162,000
1878.....	39,045	15,000	184,200	199,200
1879.....	40,358	15,000	185,509	200,500
1880.....	40,496	12,000	113,585	125,585
1881.....	42,413	12,000	116,932	128,932
1882.....	50,605	10,432	102,610	113,042
1883.....	53,621	13,314	114,960	128,274
1884.....	56,668	11,722	126,376	138,098
1885.....	59,653	15,481	134,068	149,549
1886.....	70,550	19,699	147,616	167,285
1887.....	80,167	22,245	181,921	204,166
1888.....	85,622	23,964	206,437	240,401
1889.....	91,693	44,416	219,668	264,034
1890.....	101,350	64,060	228,817	292,877
1891.....	108,720	81,420	274,060	355,480
1892.....	115,661	122,963	315,888	438,851
1893.....	123,828	131,842	344,473	476,315

APPENDIX B.

Following are the names of donors to the Library during the year with the number of volumes and pamphlets given by each:

	Vol	Pamph.
Aguilar Free Library, N. Y.....	--	1
Albion College.....	--	1
American Anti-vivisection Society.....	--	1
Amherst College.....	--	1
Arizona University.....	--	1
Army of the Tennessee.....	--	1
Astor Library, N. Y.....	--	1
Baines, Chas., Detroit.....	1	--
Balch, E. S., Philadelphia.....	1	--
Bay City Public Library.....	--	1
Bell, Clark, N. Y.....	3	--
Boston Children's Hospital.....	1	1
" Health Department.....	1	4
" Public Library.....	--	20
" Record Commissioners.....	1	--
Bowdoin College.....	--	3
Brazilian Commission, Chicago.....	--	2
Bronson Library, Waterbury, Conn.....	--	2
Brookline Public Library.....	--	1
Brooklyn Library.....	--	2
" Union for Christian Work.....	--	1
Brymner, D., Ottawa, Canada.....	1	--
Buffalo Charity Society.....	--	1
" Historical Society.....	--	1
" Library.....	--	1
California Labor Bureau.....	--	1
" Fish Commission.....	1	--
" Mining Bureau.....	1	--

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	Vol.	Pamph.
California State Library.....	3	--
" University.....	--	4
Canada Geological Survey.....	3	1
Cardiff, Wales, Public Library.....	--	1
Carnegie Free Library, Allegheny City.....	--	1
Carpenter, Mrs. L., Detroit.....	47	--
Chicago Board of Trade.....	1	--
" City of.....	1	--
" Public Library.....	--	1
Chipman, J. L., Detroit.....	3	66
Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.....	1	--
" Mercantile Library.....	--	1
" Public Library.....	1	2
Civil Service Reform League.....	--	1
Clarke, Robt., & Co., Cincinnati.....	1	--
Clarke, S. C., Marietta, Ga.....	--	1
Cleveland Public Library.....	--	1
Collins, H. O., Los Angeles.....	1	--
Columbia College.....	1	3
Conely, E. F., Detroit.....	5	2
Connecticut Board of Health.....	8	--
" Labor Bureau.....	3	--
Cooper, Rev. D. M., Detroit.....	--	1
Cornell University.....	1	10
Cust, R. N., London.....	1	1
Davies, Rt. Rev. Thos. L., Detroit.....	1	--
Dayton Public Library.....	--	1
Deacon, Edward, Bridgeport, Conn.....	--	1
Denver Public Library.....	--	4
De Pauw University.....	--	1
De Peyster, J. W., N. Y.....	--	1
Detroit Board of Education.....	--	2
" Chamber of Commerce.....	--	1
" Museum of Art.....	--	1
Drexel Institute, Philadelphia.....	--	17
Edwards, Rev. Tryon, Detroit.....	8	10
Eldridge, D., Boston.....	--	1
Elizabeth, N. J., Public Library.....	--	1
Elliott, R. R., Detroit.....	--	1
Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore.....	--	1

	Vol.	Pamph.
Essex Institute, Salem.....	--	9
Field, S. J., San Francisco.....	1	--
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.....	--	1
Ford, H. A., Detroit.....	2	1
Friends' Free Library, Germantown, Pa.....	--	1
Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta.....	--	1
Gibbes, Emily O., N. Y.....	--	1
Gloversville, N. Y., Free Library.....	--	1
Grandgent, C. H., Cambridge.....	--	1
Grand Rapids, City of.....	1	--
" " Public Library.....	1	--
Great Britain, Commissioner of Patents.....	72	--
" " Columbian Commissioners.....	1	--
Great Yarmouth, Eng., Public Library.....	--	1
Green, S. A., Boston.....	2	42
Greusel, Jos, Detroit.....	1	--
Griffith, A. H., Detroit.....	--	3
Guille-Alles Library, Guernsey.....	1	--
Hamilton, Ont., Public Library.....	--	1
Handsworth Public Library, West Bromwick.....	--	1
Hardingam, G. L. M., London.....	1	--
Hartford Library.....	--	4
Harvard University.....	1	6
Hoboken Ferry Company.....	--	1
Hoepli, U., Milan, Italy.....	--	1
Illinois Board of Charities.....	9	--
" Labor Bureau.....	1	--
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia.....	--	25
Indiana Labor Bureau.....	1	--
Indianapolis Public Library.....	--	1
Iowa Grand Masonic Lodge.....	3	3
" Historical Society.....	--	1
" State Library.....	1	--
" University.....	--	2
Jamaica Commissioners, Chicago.....	1	--
Jersey City Public Library.....	--	8
Johns Hopkins University.....	--	8
Jones, Chas. E., Augusta, Ga.....	--	33
Kansas Academy of Science.....	1	--
" Board of Agriculture.....	1	4

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	Vol.	Pamph.
Kansas Historical Society.....	--	1
King, H. C., N. Y.....	1	--
Kunz, G. F., N. Y.....	--	5
Lane, G. M., Detroit.....	--	1
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library.....	--	4
Leonard, C. H., Detroit.....	--	1
Lillibridge, W. M., Detroit.....	9	--
Littlefield, Geo. E., Boston.....	5	--
Los Angeles Public Library.....	--	3
Lynn Public Library.....	--	1
McCracken, S. B., Detroit.....	--	1
McMillan, Jas., Detroit.....	10	--
Maimonides Library, N. Y.....	--	1
Manchester, Eng., Public Library.....	--	1
Manchester, N. H., Public Library.....	--	1
Mandell, A., Detroit.....	174	22
Massachusetts, Commonwealth of.....	2	--
" Institute of Technology.....	1	2
" Railroad Commissioners.....	1	--
" State Library.....	5	--
Mechanics' Association, N. Y.....	--	1
Mexican Central Railway.....	1	--
Michigan Agricultural College.....	--	12
" Board of Charities.....	2	--
" Geological Survey.....	1	--
" Historical Society.....	89	14
" Labor Bureau.....	1	--
" Mining School.....	--	2
" Normal School.....	--	--
" Secretary of State.....	4	--
" State Library.....	7	12
" Superintendents of Poor.....	--	1
" University.....	--	4
Milwaukee Public Library.....	--	6
Minneapolis Public Library.....	1	8
Minnesota, Dept. of Public Instruction.....	--	1
Mizner, T. W., Detroit.....	--	1
Moncrief, J. W., Franklin, Ind.....	--	1
Monroe, W. S., Palo Alto, Cal.....	1	--
National W. C. T. U., Chicago.....	--	2

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Nebraska Historical Society.....	1	--
Newark Public Library.....	--	8
New Bedford Board of Trade.....	--	1
" Public Library.....	--	1
Newburgh, N. Y., City Library.....	--	1
New Haven Public Library.....	--	2
New Jersey Adjutant General.....	1	--
" Industrial School for Girls.....	--	1
" Labor Bureau.....	1	--
" Prison Board.....	--	1
" State Library.....	1	--
New South Wales Government Board.....	1	--
Newton Free Library.....	--	1
New York Civil Service Commission.....	2	--
" Forest Commission.....	1	--
" Labor Bureau.....	2	--
" State Library.....	--	6
" University.....	4	--
New York Free Circulating Library.....	--	1
" Mercantile Library.....	--	2
" Y. M. C. A. Library.....	--	1
Oberlin College.....	--	1
Ohio Historical Society.....	1	1
" Meteorological Bureau.....	--	5
Omaha Public Library.....	--	1
Osterhout Library, Wilkesbarre.....	1	--
Parvin, T. S., Grand Rapids, Ia.....	--	1
Paterson Public Library.....	--	2
Pattengill, H. R., Lansing.....	1	--
Pennsylvania University.....	1	1
Peoria Public Library.....	--	1
Philadelphia, Apprentices' Library.....	--	1
" City Institute.....	--	1
" Library Company.....	--	1
" Times.....	--	1
Plymouth, Eng., Public Library.....	--	1
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn.....	--	3
Princeton College.....	2	--
Providence Public Library.....	--	1
" Record Commissioners.....	1	1

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Rippey, J. N., Muskegon.....	--	1
Riverside, Cal., Public Library.....	--	1
Robinson, C. E., N. Y.....	1	--
Rosengarten, J. G., Philadelphia.....	--	1
Roy, Protap Chundra, Calcutta.....	1	--
Royal Society of Canada.....	1	--
St. Joseph, Mo., Public Library.....	--	1
St. Louis Mercantile Library.....	--	1
" Public Library.....	--	2
St. Paul Public Library.....	--	2
Salem Public Library.....	1	10
San Francisco Mechanics Institute.....	--	2
" Mercantile Library.....	--	1
Scranton Public Library.....	1	1
Searight, J. A., Uniontown Pa.....	1	--
Seattle Public Library.....	--	1
Sioux City Public Library.....	--	1
Smithsonian Institution.....	16	17
Southern Calif, Bureau of Information.....	--	1
Southern Historical Society.....	--	1
Springfield, Mass., City Library.....	--	12
Stearns, Fred'k, Detroit.....	102	1
Sterling, J. T., Detroit.....	--	21
Stevens, B. F., London.....	2	--
Stocking, Wm., Detroit.....	1	--
Sunset Club, Chicago.....	2	--
Swan, Rob't T., Boston.....	1	--
Tacoma Academy of Science.....	--	1
Tennessee Board of Health.....	--	6
Tiepke, H. E., Providence.....	1	--
Tokio, Japan, Public Library.....	--	1
Tomlinson, Frances, Council Bluffs.....	--	1
Toronto Public Library.....	--	2
U. S. Bureau of American Republics.....	9	9
" " Education.....	7	17
" " Marine Hospital Service.....	--	18
" " Patents.....	5	1
" " Steam Navigation.....	3	--
" " Civil Service Commission.....	--	1

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“ Department of Agriculture.....	4	70
“ “ Interior.....	142	114
“ “ Navy.....	2	3
“ “ Postoffice.....	1	1
“ “ State.....	20	14
“ “ Treasury.....	5	64
“ “ War.....	7	1
“ “ Labor.....	5	1
“ Fish Commission.....	2	1
“ Geological Survey.....	2	1
“ Interstate Commerce Commission.....	1	1
“ Life Saving Service.....	1	1
“ Supervising Inspector of Steam Boilers.....	1	1
“ Surgeon General.....	1	1
Union Pacific Railway.....	1	1
Unknown.....	3	1
Venezuela Consul, Detroit.....	1	1
Vermont University.....	1	1
Walker, C. I., Detroit.....	4	4
Walker, J. B., Concord, N. H.....	1	1
Wallace, David, Detroit.....	6	6
Waterhouse, S., St. Louis.....	9	9
Watson, Mrs. S. C., Detroit.....	100	43
Webb, W. S., N. Y.....	1	1
West, Ham. Eng., Public Library.....	1	1
Whidden, B., Boston.....	1	1
Willis, R. S., Detroit.....	1	1
Winchell, N. H. Minneapolis.....	1	2
Wisconsin Fish Commission.....	1	1
“ Historical Society.....	2	2
“ Labor Bureau.....	1	1
“ Supt. of Schools.....	1	1
Worcester Polytechnic Institute.....	1	1
“ Public Library.....	1	1
Yale University.....	6	6
Total.....	1 009	937

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OF THE

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF DETROIT.

<i>Members.</i>	<i>Address.</i>	<i>Term Expires.</i>
EDWIN F. CONELY.....	13 Butler Building.....	Jan. 1, 1896.
GEO. S. HOSMER,	City Hall.....	" 1897.
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HENRY A. HARMON	14 Buhl Block.....	" 1899.
RICHARD STORRS WILLIS. 46	Moffat Building.....	" 1900.
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HERBERT BOWEN	<i>Secretary.</i>
F. B. HARPER, <i>Ex-officio</i>	<i>Treasurer.</i>

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<i>On Finance</i>	MESSRS. CONELY, HOSMER, CLARK.

Librarian and Superintendent HENRY M. UTLEY.

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Reference Room Attendants—Lizzie Hurst, Mary Myler.

Pages—Rowland Taylor, Walter Brandt, Edwin H. Schulte, A.
Gronkowski.

Sunday Attendant—Charles Stark.

Messenger—Henry Bruder.

Collector—Charles E. Hall.

Janitor—Charles Hack.

Janitor's Assistants—Annie McDermott, Susan Fisher.

Bindery Repair Shop—Charles L. Brudin, Kittie Garland.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Board of Education:

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the requirements of the law, I have the honor to report to your Hon. Body the condition of the Public Library for the year ending December 31st, 1894. I respectfully refer to the report of the Secretary and that of the Librarian as a part of my own.

The report of the Secretary exhibits the condition of our finances, the gross receipts and disbursements, together with the balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The amount now at the disposal of this Commission includes the sum required for the next six months for general library purposes and also the sum set apart as a sinking fund to be ready for use when the time arrives for furnishing the enlarged Library Building, for which a growing and almost urgent necessity exists.

The report of the Librarian exhibits a steady increase of the use the general public makes of the Library. This increase is not only noticeable in the number of books drawn for home reading, but is especially gratifying when viewing the use which is made of library privileges in the Reading and Reference-library rooms. The attractive and convenient arrangements of the latter invite the steady attendance of earnest readers, who find in the large collection of books of reference, Scientific and Technical works, and in the considerable supply of Art books, an ever failing source of information, and this practical use demonstrates satisfactorily the furnishing of this department.

I find in the practical use which is made of this department where the very best of literature is supplied, an encouragement to continue to purchase the more costly and rare publications whereby this Library should and must gain a prominence among kindred institutions of the land and continue to be a credit to our city. I also recommend, as far as such can be properly done, the curtailment of the acquisition of such works of fiction which serve chiefly the imagination and scarcely an educational purpose.

During the past year, a number of complaints reached the executive officers about the vexatious delay which on certain days and hours seemed to tax the patience of those who desired to draw books from the Library. The limited room at disposal to accomodate a growing clientage pleads in itself a proper excuse; nevertheless, the employment of extra help has tended to remove much of the cause for complaint. While many frivolous complaints find publicity which by a simpler direct report to any officer of the Library would bring correction were such needed, I nevertheless invite the press and public for continued suggestions for improvements in any department of this Library. In this connection I bear testimony, as in prior reports, to the general good conduct of all employes of this institution.

I believe that this Commission enjoys the confidence of the entire people of this city, that money appropriated for and entrusted to the uses of the Library is properly and economically used and safely taken care of. The savings laid by for a few years past are destined to help to lessen taxation when the time arrives for the use such savings are proposed to serve.

In view of this I deem it my duty to enter a protest against any attempt to curtail the income of the Library. Such an attempt I find in the proposed law reorganizing the School District of Detroit, as appears to have been intro-

duced in the State Legislature by the Hon. Senator W. G. Thompson of this city. I accord the Hon. gentleman a most friendly disposition toward this Commission, but when he proposes to abrogate our own Treasurer and merge the appropriations for Library purposes with the City Treasury, he deprives this public institution of a considerable amount usually obtained *for interest* on our deposit from our Treasurer, and the least we can claim, if the proposed law is passed, is that an amendment thereto shall secure to this Commission the same rate of interest on its unexpended balances as the City derives for such money from the custodians of its funds.

At the same time I feel it my duty to declare that the proposed innovation cannot serve a good purpose, since the direct dealings of this Commission with its own Treasurer simplifies business, establishes a perfect control between the City Controller and our financial officers, gives the Library the benefit of domestic and foreign exchange free of charge, and gives those who deal with the Library the benefit of a direct bank check instead of the more "red tape" formalities of payment through the city officers, and lastly secures to us the prompt and exact interest at the end of each month from a Treasurer whose bond is ample to guard against loss.

In course of the past year the presence of disorderly persons around, and in one case of robbery in, the Library prompted this Commission to solicit protection from the Board of Metropolitan Police. The prompt response to our request by furnishing day and night watches, entitles them to our thanks, herewith tendered.

Respectfully submitted,

Detroit, Jan. 5, 1895.

MAGNUS BUTZEL,

President.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To the Commissioners of the Public Library:

In compliance with the Rules, I submit a statement of the receipts and disbursements of library moneys during the calendar year 1894, and also the balances in the General Fund and in the New Library Building Fund at the close of the year.

It should be understood that the fiscal year of the Library Commission ends December 31, while that of the City of Detroit ends June 30. The balance in the General Fund, therefore, constitutes the working funds of the Commission for the ensuing six months.

GENERAL FUND, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand January 1st.....	\$26,688,43
City Taxes, 1894.....	\$34,010,14
“ “ 1893.....	3,766,49
“ “ Back taxes.....	991,52
	<hr/> 38,768,15
Co. Treasurer, Fines and penalties.....	11,395,98
Interest on deposits.....	1,150,61
Library Fines.....	1,102,85
Sales of catalogues.....	98,05
Books sold.....	22,25
For lost books.....	86,02
Rebate on bills.....	41,02
From miscellaneous sources.....	31,57
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Total receipts.....	\$79,384,93

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GENERAL FUND, 1894.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for books and pamphlets	\$13,543,64
periodical subscriptions.....	1,234,08
binding and repair of books.....	5,118,88
light.....	2,445,07
fuel	640,71
printing and stationery	583,86
labor and supplies.....	485,70
postage	183,60
freight and express.....	228,15
furniture.....	655,87
repairs to building and grounds.....	1,806,24
insurance	416,45
miscellaneous	163,60
salaries, library service.....	17,069,73
“ janitor service	1,924,00
printing and binding catalogues.....	3,686,60
Amount transferred to New Library Building Fund.....	15,000,00
Total disbursements.....	\$65,183,98
Balance in General Fund December 31	14,200,95

NEW LIBRARY BUILDING FUND, 1894.

Balance on hand January 1st	15,000,00
Interest on fund.....	618,75
Appropriation for the year	15,000,00
Balance on hand December 31.....	\$30,618,75

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT BOWEN,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Commissioners of the Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:—Herewith I submit my 10th annual report as librarian, giving the usual statistics of the library for the year 1894.

There have been no events worthy of special mention in the history of the institution during the year. The use of all departments has steadily grown. That of the reference department in particular shows the remarkable increase of 124 per cent. over that of the next preceeding year. This is the result of opening the beautiful and convenient room for the special use of those who come to the library to study. This showing illustrates the demand for such conveniences and fully justifies the expense which the commission incurred in fitting up the room. At the same time it suggests the necessity for other like conveniences.

A great number of children come to the library, and complaint has sometimes been made that they are altogether too much in the way of their elders. But, under the rules, their rights are the same as adults, and we cannot lose sight of the fact that it was largely on their account that the library was established. A reading room for them is quite desirable and if any space can be found in the present building suitable for such purpose I earnestly advocate its preparation.

If this want cannot be filled, it forms another strong argument in favor of enlarging the building. There are many other good reasons for such improvement at the earliest practicable day, as will be apparent to any person who comes

into the library during any busy hour. The space devoted to the circulating department is wholly inadequate for the purpose. The difficulty might be partially overcome for the time being by the establishment of delivery stations. But several would be required, if any, and they are likely to be somewhat expensive. Neither is it certain that they would be satisfactory to the public. Although the subject has been agitated to a greater or less extent by the library authorities for the past three years, there has never been any evidence of a popular demand for such stations.

Through some minor modifications in the charging system in use, the work has been greatly facilitated, and the public are now served more promptly than ever before.

The plan of exhibiting to the public all new books two full days before they are put into circulation has been tried with satisfaction. Under this arrangement no new books are reserved in advance of their preparation for the shelves. At the time when they are announced to be ready they are given out to the first persons who apply. This plan seemed to be necessary in order to break up an abuse of the system by which, under the rule, the deposit of a penny entitled the applicant to the reservation of a book, and notice when it is ready for delivery. Certain shrewd individuals who watched the book announcements and reviews were in the habit every week of handing in ten cents and a list of attractive new books. So many of these lists accumulated that an outsider stood no chance of getting a new book inside of a year, unless a large number of copies was bought. After books are once in circulation they come under the rule and may be reserved, as heretofore. The plan of exhibiting new books also gives patrons of the library an opportunity to inspect the new books and to pass judgement on them thereby, a privilege which appears to be highly appreciated.

During the year the supplemental general catalog was issued. It makes a very handsome volume of about 900 pages and seems to be highly appreciated by patrons of the library. A new catalog of English prose fiction was also issued early in the year. A new catalog of books in the German language is now in a forward state of preparation. Preliminary to this the old books in that language and a considerable list of accessions have been classified and numbered to correspond with the system in use in other parts of the library.

The great increase in the use of books has caused a great increase in the cost of rebinding, the bills for which were larger than ever before. This is inevitable. The whole number of volumes bound and rebound was 6,866 and the number repaired was 5,834, while 1,682 were reseeded and put back into the old covers. All the binding was done by contract in various binderies in the city, the average cost of the work, of all styles and of all sizes of books being about 61 cents per volume. All the resewing and repairing was done in the bindery in the library.

In presenting the statistics of circulation I call attention to the fact that they are of necessity below the actual use. Though the books given out for home reading are counted from day to day, there are about 4,000 library books at all times in the hands of the pupils of the public schools. These are in constant circulation from the school houses and, of course, cannot be counted at the library, except when they are sent out from here, about four or five times a year. So with the library reading. All the books in the reference room are open to the public who help themselves thereto, if they so desire. Although the room attendants keep track, so far as practicable, of the books brought in from the main book room, yet, in the nature of the case, there are many books used of which they have no account. Permits are frequently

given to persons to go into the galleries. Such persons often make use of many books, and of these no record can be made. I have not thought it best to undertake any estimates, as they could be merely wild guesses, but have given here the figures furnished me by the library attendants who make a daily record from actual count.

The population of the city, according to the census taken by the State authorities in June last, was 238,264.

The number of library card holders has increased 2,500 during the year. The following shows the number issued in each year named:

Library cards issued in 1890	5 492
“ “ 1891	5 433
“ “ 1892	4 959
“ “ 1893	5 585
“ “ 1894	6 149

Total outstanding cards.	27 375
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BOOK ACCESSIONS.

No. of books in the Library Jan. 1, 1894,	123 828
Added since by purchase,.....8 282.	
“ “ gift.....573.	
“ “ binding periodicals 468.	9 323

Total.....	133 151
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Withdrawn, destroyed by fire.....26	
“ condemned, worn out-1 777	
“ lost85	
“ sold and exchanged...71	1 959

No. of books Jan. 1, 1895,	131 192
“ “ “ 1885,	56 668

Increase in ten years,	74 524
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This is an increase of over 131 per cent.

Of the 85 books reported lost during the year, all have been paid for but two and in those cases the matter is in the hands of an attorney for prosecution.

Of the 1 862 reported lost and worn out, all but 90 were fiction.

USE OF BOOKS.

The library was open 309 days for the drawing of books for home reading and 364 days for consultation of books in the building.

No. of books drawn out for home reading	374 976
“ consulted in the library	293 281

Total use of bound books in 1894	668 257
“ “ “ “ 1893	476 315

Increase in 1894	191 942
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Total No. books circulated in 1894	668 257
Unbound periodicals “ “	186 115

Total use in 1894	854 372
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Total use in 1884	138 098
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Thus the use of the library the past year shows an increase of more than 518 per cent. over its use ten years ago.

The daily circulation of books drawn for home reading is shown in the following table:

1893.				1894.		
Months.	No. Days.	Total Circulation.	Average Per Day.	No. Days.	Total Circulation	Average Per Day.
January	25	29 877	1 195	26	38 715	1 489
February	24	31 610	1 317	24	36 544	1 522
March	27	33 653	1 246	27	36 962	1 369
April	25	29 954	1 198	25	32 000	1 280
May	27	25 076	928	27	27 985	1 036
June	26	21 562	829	26	25 162	968
July	25	23 394	936	25	26 229	1 049
August	27	26 159	969	27	29 481	1 092
September	26	30 989	1 192	25	29 867	1 194
October	26	30 435	1 170	27	29 954	1 109
November	25	31 521	1 260	25	31 749	1 269
December	25	30 243	1 210	25	30 328	1 213
Total	308	344 473	1 118	309	374 976	1 210

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The following shows the per centage of circulation of the books of the several classes:

CLASS.	LIBRARY READING.	HOME READING.	TOTAL.
Cyclopedias,	11.80	-----	5.65
Bound Periodicals,	20.15	1.23	10.29
Philosophy,	2.14	.74	1.42
Religion,	3.11	1.22	2.18
Sociology,	3.88	1.26	2.52
Philology,	3.61	.17	1.82
Science,	4.	1.49	2.7
Useful Arts,	9.8	1.5	5.47
Fine Arts,	15.43	1.22	8.03
Literature,	6.34	3.	4.55
History,	5.93	3.23	4.47
Travel,	5.1	2.68	3.84
Biography,	5.18	2.53	3.8
Fiction,	2.	72.90	38.96
Books in German,	.39	4.86	2.72
French,	.45	.76	.61
Polish,	.6	1.21	.92
other lang's	.09	----	.05
Total.....	100,00	100,00	100,00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. M. UTLEY, Librarian.

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR.

SIR:

I have the honor to report that during the year 1894 there has been drawn on regular cards from the Library, and retained for fourteen days beyond the time allowed by the Library rules; three hundred and sixty-six books. The slips for these books have been given me for collection and of the entire number all have been returned to the Library, replaced by new books, or paid for, except two. Enclosed please find duplicate collection cards of the two missing books with remarks showing why they were not also paid for or returned.

Respectfully.

Your Obedient Servant

To

Mr. Henry M. Utley,
Supt. Public Library,
Detroit, Mich.

C. E. HALL,

Collector.

APPENDIX A.

Year.	No. Volumes at end of Year.	Library Read'g during Year.	Home Reading during Year.	Total Use during Year.
1865.....	8,864	-----	-----	4,700
1866.....	10,509	-----	-----	15,000
1867.....	15,020	-----	-----	30,000
1868.....	16,620	-----	-----	35,000
1869.....	17,586	-----	-----	40,000
1870.....	18,717	-----	-----	40,000
1871.....	21,131	7,200	45,600	52,800
1872.....	22,115	9,200	98,000	107,200
1873.....	22,882	10,100	115,000	125,100
1874.....	24,176	10,200	145,000	155,200
1875.....	24,903	11,000	148,000	159,000
1876.....	33,604	11,500	148,000	159,500
1877.....	37,703	12,000	150,000	162,000
1878.....	39,045	15,000	184,200	199,200
1879.....	40,358	15,000	185,500	200,500
1880.....	40,496	12,000	113,585	125,585
1881.....	42,413	12,000	116,932	128,932
1882.....	50,605	10,432	102,610	113,042
1883.....	53,621	13,314	114,960	128,274
1884.....	56,668	11,722	126,376	138,098
1885.....	59,653	15,481	134,068	149,549
1886.....	70,550	19,699	147,616	167,285
1887.....	80,167	22,245	181,921	204,166
1888.....	85,622	23,964	206,437	240,401
1889.....	91,693	44,416	219,668	264,084
1890.....	101,350	64,060	228,817	292,877
1891.....	108,720	81,420	274,060	355,480
1892.....	115,661	122,963	315,888	438,851
1893.....	123,828	131,842	344,473	476,315
1894.....	131,192	293,281	374,976	668,257

APPENDIX B.

Following are the names of donors to the Library during the year, with the number of volumes and pamphlets given by each:

	Vol.	Pamph.
A. B. C. F. M., Boston.....	--	7
Aguilar Free Library, N. Y.....	--	1
Allegheny, Carnegie Library.....	--	1
American Bimetalic League, Washington.....	--	8
American Economic Association, Chicago.....	--	1
American Folk lore Society, Boston.....	--	1
American Forestry Association, Washington.....	--	1
American Humanitarian League, Providence.....	1	--
American Home Missionary Society, N. Y.....	1	--
American Radiator Company, Chicago.....	1	--
American Swedenborgian Publishing Society, Boston.....	12	--
American Unitarian Association, Boston.....	--	2
Amherst College.....	--	6
Argentine Commission, Chicago.....	1	--
Arizona, University of.....	--	4
Astor Library, N. Y.....	--	1
Babcock & Wilcox, N. Y.....	1	--
Balch, S. W., Yonkers.....	--	1
Barbour, L. L., Detroit.....	--	1
Boston Board of Health.....	1	--
Boston Public Library.....	1	8
Bowdoin College.....	--	2
Bridgeport (Conn.) Public Library.....	--	1
Broadway Central Hotel, N. Y.....	1	--
Brookline (Mass.) Public Library.....	--	3
Brooklyn Ethical Association.....	--	1
Brooklyn Library.....	--	2

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Brooklyn Union for Church Work.	1
Brymner, D., Ottawa.	1	--
Buffalo Charity Organization.	--	1
Buffalo Historical Society.	--	1
Buffalo Library.	--	1
Burr, W. H., Detroit.	4	6
Burr, Mrs. W. H., Detroit.	1	--
Butte Public Library.	1	--
California Fish Commission.	1	--
California Mining Bureau.	--	1
California Pioneers, Society of	--	1
California State Library.	--	1
California, University of	1	5
Canada Geological Survey.	--	1
Canada, Royal Society of	1	--
Carlisle, Fred., Detroit.	--	2
Cayuga Historical Society.	6	5
Chandler, W. E., Concord, N. H.	1	--
Channing Club, Boston.	--	1
Chase, T. W., Detroit.	1	--
Chicago Board of Trade.	1	--
Chicago Public Library.	--	1
Chicago, University of.	1	--
Children of Shalam, New Mexico	1	--
Childs, G. W., Philadelphia.	--	1
Christian Literature Company, N. Y.	1	--
Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.	1	--
Cincinnati Mercantile Library.	--	1
Cincinnati Public Library.	1	2
Cincinnati, University of	--	1
Clark, Chas. L., Detroit.	1	--
Clarke & Co., W. B., Boston.	--	1
Clerkenwell Public Library, London, Eng.	--	1
Cleveland Public Library.	--	10
Cobden Club, London.	--	2
Collins, H. O., Los Angeles.	--	1
Colorado, University of.	--	2
Columbia College.	3	4
Congregational New West Ed. Com., Chicago.	--	1

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Connecticut Historical Society.	--	1
Connecticut Labor Bureau.	1	--
Cornell University.	--	14
Croyden (Eng.) Public Library.	--	1
D'Arcambel, Mrs. A. L., Detroit.	1	--
Dayton Public Library.	--	1
De Peyster, J. Watts, N. Y.	--	1
Detroit Association of Charities.	--	1
Detroit Board of Education.	5	--
Detroit Board of Health.	--	4
Detroit Board of Trade.	--	1
Detroit City Government.	9	--
Detroit Museum of Art.	--	1
District of Columbia, Commissioners of.	--	1
Drexel Institute, Philadelphia.	--	14
Elizabeth, N. J., Public Library.	--	1
Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore.	--	1
Erichsen, Dr. H. Detroit.	40	100
Essex Institute, Salem.	--	5
Ewing, Thos., N. Y.	--	1
Farmer, Silas, Detroit.	1	12
Field Columbian Museum, Chicago.	1	--
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt.	--	1
Ford, C. L., Ann Arbor.	1	--
Forster, C. R., Detroit.	2	--
Foster, L. S., N. Y.	--	1
Friends Book Association, Philadelphia.	--	1
Friends Free Library, Germantown.	--	1
Garrison, F. J., Boston.	--	7
Grand Rapids Board of Education.	--	1
Grand Rapids Public Library.	1	2
Great Britain, Commissioner of Patents.	24	--
Great Yarmouth (Eng.) Public Library.	--	1
Green, S. A., Boston.	4	200
Grey, O. H., Carson City, Neb.	1	--
Hamilton (Ont.) Public Library.	--	1
Harlem Library.	--	1
Hartford Public Library.	--	2

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Harvard University.....	1	3
Heath, D. C., Boston.....	--	3
Helena Public Library.....	--	9
Hepner, A., St. Louis.....	--	1
Hickcox, J. H., Washington.....	--	5
Holland Society, N. Y.....	1	--
Iles, Geo., N. Y.....	1	--
Illinois Labor Bureau.....	1	1
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia.....	--	4
Indiana Labor Bureau.....	1	1
Iowa Geological Survey.....	1	--
Iowa, University of.....	--	1
Jas. Prendergast Library, Jamestown.....	1	2
Jerome, T. S., Detroit.....	--	1
Jersey City Public Library.....	--	12
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Jones, H. G., Detroit.....	38	--
Kansas Board of Agriculture.....	--	6
Kastelic, G. A., Mexico.....	--	2
King, H. C., Brooklyn.....	--	1
Kosciuszko Society, Detroit.....	--	1
Lafayette Public Library.....	--	1
Lawrence Public Library.....	--	5
Leland Stanford University.....	--	2
Lenox Library, N. Y.....	--	1
Leyton (Eng.) Public Library.....	--	1
Los Angeles Public Library.....	--	1
Lynn Public Library.....	--	1
McMillan, Jas., Detroit.....	1	1
Maimonides Library, N. Y.....	--	1
Maine Geological Society.....	1	--
Manchester (N. H.) Public Library.....	--	1
Manchester (Eng.) Public Library.....	--	1
Mass. Board of Lunacy and Charity.....	1	--
Mass. Commissioners of Public Records.....	--	1
Mass., Commonwealth of.....	1	--
Mass. Institute of Technology.....	--	1
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Mechanics & Tradesmen's Society, N. Y.	--	1
Michigan Agricultural College.	--	8
Michigan Board of Corrections and Charities.	--	1
Michigan Mining School.	--	2
Michigan Secretary of State.	12	--
Michigan State Library.	6	--
Michigan, University of	1	6
Michigan Central Railroad.	--	2
Milwaukee Public Library.	--	3
Minneapolis Public Library.	1	3
Minnesota Geological Survey.	--	4
Minnesota Zoological Survey.	1	--
Morton, Levi P., N. Y.	1	--
Nagelvoort, J. B., Detroit.	26	30
National Civil Service Reform League.	--	1
National Divorce Reform League.	--	2
Nebraska Historical Society.	--	1
Nebraska, University of	--	2
New Bedford Public Library.	--	1
New England Mutual Life Ins. Co.	1	--
New Haven Public Library.	--	3
New Jersey, Adj. Gen.	1	--
New Jersey Industrial School for Girls.	--	1
New Jersey, State of	1	--
New Jersey, State Geologist.	4	--
New Jersey State Library.	1	--
New London Public Library.	--	1
New Orleans, Howard Library.	--	2
New York Civil Service Commission.	1	--
New York Farmers.	--	2
New York Forest Commission.	2	--
New York Free Circulating Library.	--	1
New York Labor Bureau.	4	--
New York Mercantile Library.	--	2
New York State Library.	1	3
New York, University of.	1	6
New York Y. M. C. A.	--	1
Newark Public Library.	--	7
Newton, Simon, Detroit.	--	1

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Newton Public Library.	--	1
Ohio Meteorological Bureau.	1	--
Owen, O. W., Detroit.	1	--
Pattengill, H. R., Lansing.	1	--
Pawtucket Public Library.	--	1
Pearson Memorial Com., N. Y.	1	--
Penn. College of Dental Surgery.	--	1
Peoria Public Library.	--	1
Pettis, Olive G., Boston.	--	1
Philadelphia, Apprentices' Library.	--	2
Philadelphia City Institute.	--	1
Philadelphia Library Company.	--	2
Philadelphia Public Library.	--	4
Philadelphia Times.	--	1
Plymouth (Eng.) Public Library.	--	1
Poole, Wm. F., Chicago.	1	--
Portland, On., Public Library.	--	12
Protap Chandra Ray, Calcutta.	1	--
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn.	--	1
Providence Public Library.	--	1
Providence Record Commissioners.	3	1
Pullman Palace Car Co., Chicago.	--	1
Randall, C. D., Coldwater.	1	--
Reynolds Library, Rochester.	--	1
Rhode Island Labor Bureau.	1	--
Rippey, J. N., Elk Rapids.	--	1
St. Joseph, Mo. Public Library.	--	1
St. Louis Mercantile Library.	--	1
St. Louis Public Library.	--	1
St. Paul Public Library.	--	1
Salem Public Library.	--	12
San Diego Public Library.	--	1
San Francisco Mercantile Library.	--	1
San Francisco Public Library.	--	1
Scranton Public Library.	--	1
Seaver, E. P., Boston.	--	1
Sheldon, E. S., Cambridge.	--	1
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Spinning, Hester J., Detroit.	1	1
Springfield, Mass. Public Library.	12	12
Stewart, W. M., Washington.	1	1
Swansea (Wales) Public Library.	1	1
Tacoma City Library.	1	1
Taunton Public Library.	1	1
Tennessee State Board of Health.	7	7
Tokyo (Japan) Public Library.	1	1
Topeka Public Library.	1	1
Toronto Public Library.	2	2
Tulane University.	1	1
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" " " Education.	13	8
" Civil Service Commission.	1	--
" Coast and Geodetic Survey.	5	3
" Department of Agriculture.	16	189
" " Interior.	177	63
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" " Treasury.	10	85
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" Fish Commission.	3	--
" Geological Survey.	2	--
" Interstate Commerce Commission.	1	1
" Life Saving Service.	2	--
" Patent Office.	4	--
" Supervising Insp. Steam Vessels.	4	2
" Surgeon General.	1	--
Union Pacific Railroad.	--	1
Unknown.	2	--
Vanderbilt, G. W., N. Y.	1	--
Van Horn, R. M., Cincinnati.	--	1
Vermont, University of.	--	1
Votey, Chas., Detroit.	1	--
Walker, Mrs. C. I., Detroit.	7	--

Warren County, Ill. Library.	3	
Washington, D. C., Citizens' Association.	1	
Wisconsin Labor Bureau.	1	--
Wisconsin Supt. Public Instruction.	1	
Worcester Polytechnic Institute.	1	
Worcester Public Library.	1	
Yale University.	1	4
Zeballos, Dr. E. S., Washington.	3	
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